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Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef expounds to an NRP delegation his views on 'Who's a Jew' in relation to the current political crisis. Left to right: Yitzhak Raphael, Zvi Bernstein, Zevulun Hammer and Yosef Burg. (Weiss)

NRP goes to Chief Rabbis as Mrs. Meir awaits positive turn

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mrs. Golda Meir will agree to an extension of her coalition-making period tomorrow only if she has grounds to believe by then that the chances of forming a Labour-NRP-ILP coalition are becoming brighter. This was the assessment of political circles in Jerusalem last night, as the coalition manoeuvring became further involved.

Mrs. Meir is due to report back to President Katzir tomorrow at the end of the 21-day statutory period which he gave her to form a government. Under the law, the President can grant her another period of up to 21 days — but of course he will only do so if she or her Alignment colleagues indicate that this is what they desire.

Yesterday, the National Religious Party sought the advice of the two Chief Rabbis on the compromise proposal on "Who is a Jew" which Labour negotiators had offered the night before. The Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi, Shlomo Goren, reportedly told them that he might convene the Chief Rabbinate Council to discuss the issue, and that, at any rate, he would give his opinion as soon as possible.

Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef told the NRP that his view was that the Labour proposal was not a satisfactory solution — even temporarily — to the "Who is a Jew" question.

The NRP Knesset Faction is due to meet this evening to discuss the compromise and make a recommendation to the party's executive which will meet tomorrow, and its 201-man central committee which will have the final word when it convenes on Sunday.

The Alignment Knesset faction will also meet tonight to hear a report from the Labour negotiating team.

An NRP delegation called on Rabbi Yosef at midday with the final, amended version of the Labour compromise proposal which has come to be known as "The Zadok Document" after Haim Zadok M.K. who fathered it. Rabbi Yosef asked for time to consider. In the evening another NRP group went to Tel Aviv to meet with Rabbi Goren and hear his opinion on the proposed compromise.

The compromise reads as follows:

"In light of the demand that the Law of Return be amended, and considering that conversion is an halachic concept, a ministerial committee will be established which will examine the conversion problem abroad in respect of the Law of Return and the Population Registry Law. The committee's aim will be to reach, within one year, an agreed legal arrangement on this issue."

An earlier version has spoken of consultation between the ministerial committee and "the Chief Rabbis of Israel and various rabbinical authorities in world Jewry" — but

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Oslo prisoner freed, in Israel

OSLO (UPI). — One of the five persons convicted last month for conspiracy to murder and espionage was released last Saturday and flew to Israel, a Justice Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

Zvi Steinberg, 30, was found guilty of espionage in connection with the killing of Moroccan citizen Ahmed Bouchiki, a suspected terrorist, last summer and was sentenced to one year in prison.

The other four defendants were given prison terms ranging from two-and-a-half to five-and-a-half years. The attorneys of the four said they would appeal.

Steinberg was found guilty of unlawful intelligence activity in connection with the killing. The court also said he had belonged to a 15-17 member group which took their orders from an Israel intelligence organization.

Steinberg was released after having served about 220 of his 365-day prison term.

Amin warns Nixon of revolution

KAMPALA (UPI). — Uganda Premier Idi Amin has cabled President Nixon warning him of the danger of a "black revolution in America," a Government spokesman said yesterday.

Amin's cable said he had received many letters from Black Americans "whose ancestors were kidnapped from their motherland Africa under inhuman conditions by your imperialist ancestors.

"Unless your government changes its policies towards black Americans and accepts them as equals in all spheres of life and accepts them to be elected President of the U.S., black revolution in America is inevitable."

Sea officers extend strike to non-Zim freighters

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Marine Officers Union decided at noon yesterday to strike three more freighters, berthed in Haifa Port, and not owned by the Zim company. The intensification of their strike against Zim, now in its third week, came shortly after the company's general manager, Moshe Kashti, announced that he would under no circumstances grant their demands for more money for the officers on Zim's roll-on-roll-off freighters.

The union had announced even graver action — completely shutting the country's three ports for 12 hours. It ordered the harbour pilots (who all have the rank of captain and are union members) to strike from 6 p.m. yesterday until six this morning. This would have effectively prevented all movement of all ships into or out of the ports.

In response to this move, the Haifa port management announced in the afternoon that it would sue the pilots for violating the emergency work regulations, if they took part in the strike.

(The pilots are employees of the port and thus subject to the wartime regulations.) The union did not want the pilots to jeopardise themselves by violating the regulations, which carry penalties of up to three years in prison, and instructed them to carry on working as "indentured labour."

The union implemented its decision not to permit the sailing of three freighters from Haifa. They are:

The Maritime Fruit Carrier company's Sabra Core, which was due to sail for England last night with 250,000 cases of citrus fruit. As she will be occupying half the berths allocated for citrus loading, loading will be cut by half today.

The El Yam company's bulk carrier, the Tel Aviv, which was due to sail this morning, after unloading 32,000 tons of grain. She is occupying the Dagon silo berth, resulting in the paralysation of the silo.

The Tarshish (Kibbutz Meuhad) company's 3,000-ton freighter, Hehalutz, which is occupying a single berth.

Meanwhile 21 freighters are waiting their turn outside the port, and the intensified strike will gravely increase congestion, which is already costing the economy several million pounds a month in surcharges.

The new move will slow down Haifa port operations by more than 60 per cent today, cut down citrus exports and totally paralyse the Dagon silo.

The Jerusalem Post asked Transport Minister Shimon Peres what he intended to do to prevent a worsening of the situation. He said that, should strike action interfere with the operation of the ports, he would take all legal steps to keep the ports open and ensure the flow of vital supplies. He did not elaborate.

Mr. Peres stressed at the same time that his Ministry could not intervene in salary negotiations between a private company and its employees. (The Government and the Histadrut own less than half of Zim's shares; Zim is a national line but it is not Government-owned.)

The sea officers extended their strike action to non-Zim vessels in an effort to bring pressure on

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Kashti to sit with strikers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Moshe Kashti, general manger of Zim, has agreed to attend a meeting called for today by the acting Secretary-General of the Histadrut, Yeruham Meshel, labour federation sources said. Representatives of the marine officers will be present.

This is a departure from the Zim management's refusal to sit with the officers as long as the strike continues. Histadrut circles believe from this that a way out of the impasse will soon be found.

Fewer ships

The Jerusalem Post learned last night that a high-level decision has been reached to work for the reduction to a minimum of the number of Israeli flag ships in the Zim company, and reduce the staff both on ship and shore commensurately.

The long-term plan also calls for splitting the company into smaller specialist units.

Kissinger parries Arab oil offensive

By IRA SILVERMAN
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is believed to have warned the Arabs that he will suspend his personal efforts to achieve a Syrian-Israel disengagement agreement until the oil embargo is lifted.

According to official sources, this is what Kissinger told the Foreign Ministers of Egypt and Saudi Arabia, who came to Washington with the threat that the embargo would not be lifted unless the U.S. promised them an eventual withdrawal from all occupied Syrian territory.

This Kissinger counter-offensive has taken the Arabs by surprise, according to these sources. The result is that, after two days of talks, the situation remains deadlocked.

However, Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy of Egypt told reporters after meeting Kissinger "Everything is moving in the right direction." He and Saudi Foreign Minister Omar Sakkaf are to meet President Nixon this morning.

Fahmy said they had a message from the leaders of Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Algeria, who met last week in Algiers, which contained word of "a very positive decision" which he said he believed would be "good news to the President."

It is understood that the Foreign Ministers were sent by the Arab heads of state with specific instructions to tie the lifting of the embargo to an American assurance of a total Israel pullback from Syrian lands. Kissinger has now sought to separate the lifting of the embargo from the Syrian problem.

Dr. Kissinger's efforts may have had some greater impact, in the view of diplomatic observers here, as a result of some apparent disagreement between the Egyptian and Saudi envoys. At their request, they held separate meetings with the Secretary on Sunday. This change in plans was assumed to reflect differences in their governments' views, although it had earlier been reported that at the meeting in Algiers, President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and King Faisal of Saudi Arabia were in agreement in recommending an early lifting of the embargo, while Presidents Hafez Assad of Syria and Houari Boumedienne of Algeria dissented.

The Egyptian and Saudi envoys did meet together, however, for a late morning session with Kissinger on Monday.

Referring to suggestions that he may go to the Middle East again, Kissinger said yesterday that "first we have to get a framework established." American sources interpreted that to include some Arab assurance that the embargo would be lifted first — and Israelis here thought that framework would also have to include Syrian concessions on the PoW issue.

Gromyko repeats Soviet M.E. line

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko said here yesterday that there could be no peace in the Middle East until Israel forces evacuate all areas taken in and held since the June, 1967, war.

Mr. Gromyko reiterated this and other well-known Soviet positions on the Middle East conflict when he addressed a press conference here following his talks with President Pompidou and other French leaders.

He said the next important step in searching for a settlement was a disengagement solution on the Golan. He said he favoured Syrian participation at the Geneva talks but he gave no details on how Syrian leaders saw the issue at the current time.

French sources said Gromyko's lengthy talks with Foreign Minister Jobert here on Saturday had turned up nothing new concerning the Middle East and it appeared that Moscow was awaiting for new moves by Dr. Kissinger.

Dayan: Egypt is keeping pact, withdraws missiles

Jerusalem Post Staff

Egypt is carrying out all its commitments in the separation of forces agreement, including the withdrawal of missiles, Minister of Defence Moshe Dayan said yesterday. Mr. Dayan, touring the IDF-held areas west of the Suez Canal which are to be vacated this week, told Israel Television that both sides were fulfilling all clauses of the agreement.

The Minister met with IDF group and unit commanders, and visited forward positions before their withdrawal. He conversed at length with members of one of the first IDF units to cross the Canal four months ago, and the last to vacate the western sector.

The Air Force yesterday concluded its flights at the Egyptian Fayid Airfield, as prepartions were made for Thursday's evacuation of the last sector of its bulge on the western bank of the Suez Canal. The Fayid Airfield, which was captured in the early stages of Israel's thrust across the Canal last October, will be transferred by the UN to the Egyptians on Friday morning.

The IDF is pulling back from an area stretching from Fidan on the western side of the Great Bitter Lakes to the southern outskirts of Ismailiya, thus ending Israel's presence inside Egypt proper. The Israel forces on Thursday will take new positions east of a UN-controlled buffer zone, separating them from a thinned-out Egyptian military presence on the eastern bank of the Suez waterway.

The entire separation of forces is scheduled to be completed on March 5.

Cairo fetes heroes today

CAIRO (Reuter). — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat is to address a specially convened session of parliament today to honour the "October War heroes," the official Middle East news agency said yesterday.

The president will confer medals on about 200 war heroes.

Cairo papers said the parliamentary session would be preceded by a "heroes" procession through the streets led by President Sadat, his War Minister and senior commanders. Schools and colleges throughout Egypt will be closed for the day.

Gold prices at new high

LONDON. — Gold prices shot to a new record high of $152. an ounce in active trading on the bullion exchange here. The U.S. dollar paid for the rise with a drop in its value across the Continent.

Dealers said the movement was provoked by the lowering of American prime interest rates to 9 per cent and reports indicating an impending recession in the U.S.

(In Tel Aviv's unofficial market in Rehov Lilienblum, gold jumped by IL400 a kilogram yesterday to stand at IL24,500, a new record. Silver rose by IL20 to stand at IL1,050 a kilo.)

New highs also came yesterday in the prices of tin and sugar. Cash tin rose to £3390-3400 a metric ton at the morning rings. It closed for the day at £3340-3350.

The strength of world demand for sugar sent the London daily price up £5 to a new high of £230 a ton as terminal market prices continued to soar.

A special committee set up by the European Common Market yesterday will study whether the official price of gold should be raised to pay for oil imports. France, Belgium and the Common Market Executive Commission are among those who have already urged a drastic increase — probably a doubling or more — in the price of gold.

(UPI, AP)

Nagasaki rejects visit by French warships

TOKYO (UPI). — The atom-bombed city of Nagasaki has rejected a projected goodwill call by two French warships at its port late this month as a protest against French nuclear tests in the western Pacific.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

The NRP negotiators are to meet Mrs. Meir today, Israel radio reported. They intend to reiterate their position that the best solution to the crisis would be the formation of a national unity government.

Panov now fears deportation

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Soviet officials yesterday threatened ballet dancer Valery Panov that tough measures would be taken against him unless he left the country immediately without his wife, a weeping Mrs. Galina Panov said last night.

In a telephone call from Leningrad to Western newsmen, a clearly distraught Mrs. Panov said visa office chiefs had refused to allow her to attend their interview with her husband. "They told me it was nothing to do with me," she added.

Only on Sunday the 33-year-old Panov, former star of Leningrad's Kirov Ballet, said in a statement that he feared the authorities were trying to force him to leave without his wife so that they could then blacken him for allegedly deserting her.

Yesterday's move as reported by Mrs. Panov was seen in Moscow as a possible prelude to an enforced deportation of the dancer in an action similar to that taken by the Kremlin last week against Nobel prize-winning author Alexander Solzhenitsyn. *(See page 5).*

When Panov was first threatened with "administrative measures" unless he left — at another meeting with emigration officials earlier this month — it was generally assumed this implied he might be arrested for failure to work or be forced into a labouring job. But following the Solzhenitsyn expulsion, which was accompanied by a decree stripping the writer of his Soviet citizenship, observers here said the authorities might have similar measures in mind for the ballet dancer.

The couple first applied for exit visas some two years ago and were sacked from the Kirov. Last December Panov was told by visa officials that he could go to Israel without his wife, but he refused. Two weeks ago the pair were told that Mrs. Panov, a Russian, would never be given an exit permit and Panov himself was warned that his own visa would be withdrawn unless he went without her. He again said he would not leave alone.

Yesterday, according to Mrs. Panov, the officials said her husband's visa was still in force. "They told him that if he does not go immediately, certain tough, administrative measures would be taken against him.

"I need the help of all the women's organizations in the world to preserve my family. They are trying to split us up, but we love each other. I don't know what to do..."

At this point, the reporter she was talking to in Moscow could hear Mrs. Panov weeping.

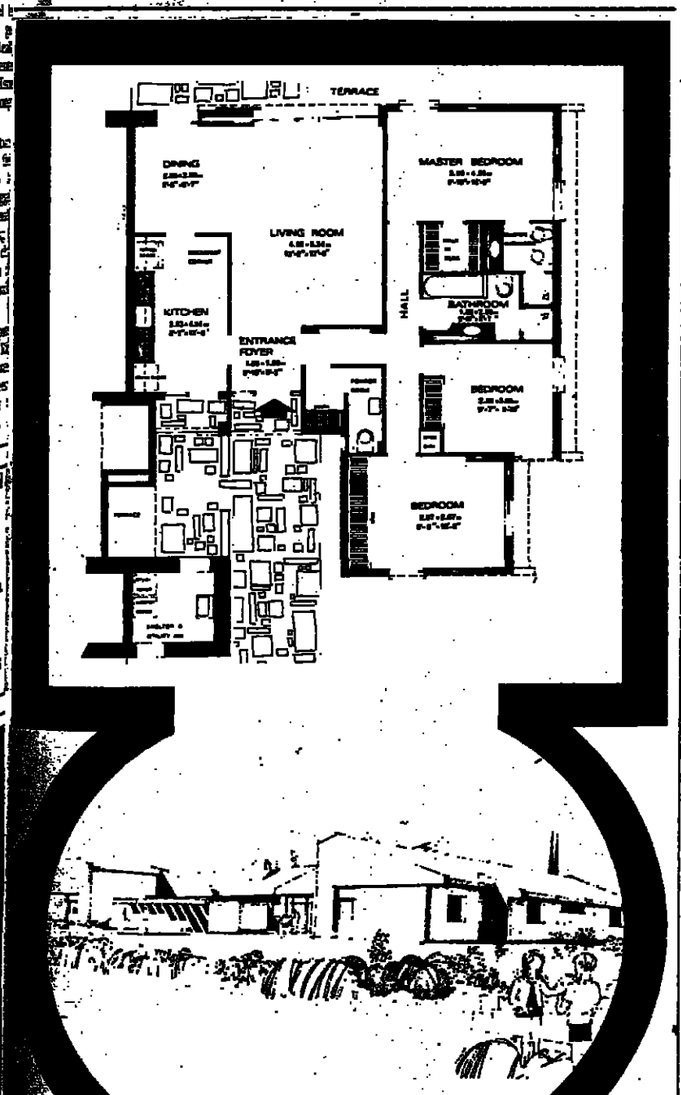
"Today they treated me like an outsider. They drove me out of the visa office. They were very tough with Valery, and made it clear they were determined he should leave," she said.

VALERY AND GALINA PANOV

Mrs. Panov has been described by ballet critic friends as a potential star. But the couple have not been allowed to dance professionally since they were sacked from the Kirov, and last year they charged they were being "professionally murdered."

In his statement on Sunday, Panov said he would never leave without his wife. "I love her very much and would never leave her alone and in a situation where they could do anything to her they like," he declared.

"The Soviet authorities want me to leave with a blackened character. If I went without Galina in the hope that they would allow her to follow later, they would then say I am a vile man who deserts those who love him. Then the world-wide support we now have would crumble. It is a very clever strategy."



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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Fair, with slight rise in temperature.
Weather synopsis: Barometric high over East Mediterranean.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min.-Max.	Today's forecast
Jerusalem	51	8—13	8—14
Golan	69	4—10	4—10
Nahariya	68	8—18	8—19
Safad	74	5—12	6—14
Haifa	66	11—18	11—20
Tiberias	64	8—21	8—23
Nazareth	62	9—15	10—17
Afula	48	7—18	7—20
Shomron	58	9—14	9—15
Tel Aviv	64	6—18	8—20
Lod	57	9—19	7—21
Jericho	65	8—21	9—23
Gaza	68	9—18	9—20
Beersheba	64	8—17	7—19
Eilat	33	10—23	13—24
Tiran	—	14—23	14—24

Social and Personal

Prime Minister Golda Meir yesterday received Professor Jacques Soustelle of the University of Paris. He also called on Foreign Minister Abba Eban.

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Mrs. Pnina Herzog was at home in Jerusalem yesterday to say goodbye to Bishop George Appleton, the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, who is retiring after five years at St. George's Close in Jerusalem. Among those who came to take leave of Dr. and Mrs. Appleton were the Ministers of Communications and Tourism, Messrs Shimon Peres and Moshe Kol, the President of the Supreme Court and Mrs. Shimon Agranat, the American Ambassador Kenneth Keating, Monsignor Piologhi, the Apostolic Delegate in Jerusalem, Armenian Bishop Shaha Ajamian, and Hadassah National President Rose Matzkin.

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Participants in the U.S. Pioneer Women's Solidarity Mission marking Aliya Month, yesterday attended a reception at the Tel Aviv Municipality with Mayor Shlomo Lahat. Today they will tour the Soroka Medical Centre in Beersheba.

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This Friday's Jerusalem Vocal Newspaper will feature Deputy Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi on "The Government and Relations with the Knesset" and Chief Labour Relations Officer Gideon Ben-Yisrael on how the Labour Ministry prepared to face the current emergency. Time is 8 p.m., place, Beit Haam.

Reward offered for information on missing editor

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

A IL25,000 reward was yesterday offered for information leading to the whereabouts of Yousef Nasri Nasr, publisher and editor of the East Jerusalem weekly "Al-Fajr," who has been missing from his home for two weeks.

The reward was offered by Nasr's sister, Efaf Ajlouni, an American citizen who arrived here following the news of her brother's disappearance. She and her family suspect that the 35-year-old journalist was abducted for political reasons.

Nasr's colleagues at "Al-Fajr" suspect an abduction by supporters of King Hussein and say the Israeli authorities are looking into such a possibility.

Water Carrier undamaged by bomb

NETANYA. — A small explosive charge went off harmlessly early yesterday beside a pumping station near here on the national water carrier.

A resident of Moshav Tnuvot, near the station, heard the blast at about 2 a.m. Police and trackers called to the scene found a small crater and trifling damage to the fence surrounding a transformer.

Alignment to back electoral reform bill

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The executive of the Alignment Knesset faction decided yesterday that a private member's bill to amend the electoral system would be tabled in the Knesset as soon as a new Government has been formed.

The decision, at the request of Deputy Transport Minister Gad Yaacobi, was passed by five votes against two with two abstentions.

Mapam's two representatives on the executive of the faction abstained. Shoshana Arbeli and Avraham Geveiber of Ahdut Ha'avoda voted against.

Mr. Yaacobi's proposal would do away with the present system of proportional elections to the Knesset on the basis of countrywide lists. Instead it would put some two-thirds of the House in by constituency elections, and the rest as now, through proportional representation.

(His proposal was struck off the agenda in the Seventh Knesset.)

Also in the Alignment faction executive, Chief Whip Moshe Baram announced that at a coming caucus meeting of the Alignment he would officially castigate those faction members (like Aryeh Eliav and Yitzhak Ben-Aharon) who ostentatiously called on Motti Ashkenazi during his demonstration urging Moshe Dayan's resignation.

Baram acted in line with an angry demand last week at the caucus by Dayan supporter Mordechai Ben-Porat — who warned that he might join Black Panther demonstrations if everyone had the right to back whatever popular protest pleased his fancy.

'Should be teeth in committee strictures'

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Knesset Speaker Israel Yeshayahu said yesterday that the Eighth Knesset should seek a way of putting teeth into the recommendations tabled by its committees so as to make the Government departments implement them properly.

The Speaker said this at the inaugural session of the new Economic Committee — when the Likud's Shmuel Tamir was installed as chairman.

Mr. Tamir — who was the Economic Committee live-wire in the Seventh Knesset — said the Knesset should step up its links with the public at large and mirror its requests and problems.

JDL LEADER ORDERED BACK TO JAIL

Jewish Defence League activist Yosef Schneider, arrested early in the month for allegedly trying to persuade a soldier to steal a detonator from an army base, was yesterday ordered back to jail after the Supreme Court cancelled his release on bail.

Schneider, who committed the alleged offence while on reserve duty at a base in the Jordan Valley, had been released on IL10,000 bail by the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court last Thursday. The Supreme Court yesterday allowed the prosecution's appeal that he be held until the end of the proceedings.

State Attorney Gavriel Bach told Justice Yoel Zussman that, considering Schneider's past record, the alleged offence had to be considered one which did not justify release on bail. He noted that the former JDL secretary had been sentenced to four months in jail for his part in burning a Christian mission library last year, and was under indictment (along with JDL head Rabbi Meir Kahane) in an arms-smuggling case.

Schneider's attorney told the court his client was trying to dissociate himself from the acts ascribed to him, and asked he be given a chance to do so.

The Court, in cancelling the release, ordered Schneider to report to the police in Tel Aviv by this morning. *(Itim)*

T.A. Hapoel loses 3-1 to German side

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Hertha-Berlin last night scored a convincing 3-1 victory over Tel Aviv Hapoel at Jaffa's Bloomfield Stadium. On the same grounds last week the West German first division team had lost to Tel Aviv Maccabi by an identical score.

In fine weather, 5,000 spectators saw a much sharper-looking Berlin team always in command against Hapoel, now next to the bottom of the league and experiencing one of their worst soccer seasons.

Herr put the visitors ahead in the 27th minute, with Hertha's Swiss International Kurt Muller consolidating their lead just before half-time. The third goal was scored by Riedel four minutes from time. This was in a late flurry, immediately after Bnai Yehuda's Ehud Ben-Tovim — who was appearing as guest player with Hapoel — had reduced the arrears.

Of special interest to Hapoel fans was the successful return to the team of their former top youngster Ronnie Kalderon, who has just returned from two years of professional soccer in Europe.

Hertha-Berlin leave for home today at the end of their first visit to Israel. They have spent nine days here as guests of Tel Aviv's Hapoel and Maccabi clubs.

Nablus Governor recovered from wounds

NABLUS. — This city's military governor, Aflaf-Mishne Eliezer Segev, is scheduled to return to duty this week after completing treatment for injuries he suffered in a grenade attack on his car December 7. In his absence the post has been filled by Sgan-Aluf Moshe Ben-David, his deputy. *(Itim)*

Taxis asked to fill in for buses at night in Tel Aviv

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Deputy Mayor David Shifman, who has the transportation portfolio in the City Council, will today meet with taxi company representatives to work out a plan for taxis to operate a sherut service along bus routes after the buses end their service at night. Till now, most taxis were barred from sherut work.

Mr. Shifman says that the taxi companies have already given their okay in principle.

The bus cooperatives still discontinue their service early every night, leaving many passengers with no choice but to pay for a special cab. He said that the City is aware that many bus drivers are still mobilized, but he reiterated the charge that the two cooperatives, Dan and Egged, could do more to alleviate the public transportation hardships in town.

Egged still discontinues its Dan region service at 8.00 p.m. and Dan stops running at 10.30 p.m. After those hours, Mr. Shifman proposes to have taxis operate as sheruts on the regular bus routes.

Another proposal, to ease traffic congestion, is to turn Allenby Road into a one-way street and to turn other streets to one-way lanes during the rush-hours. Thus, if there is heavy south-bound traffic on a street during the rush hours, all of its lanes save one would be reserved for south-bound traffic only during certain hours.

Blast rocks Nahariya cafe

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAHARIYA. — An explosion rocked a cafe in the town centre here early yesterday.

The police, who arrested several young suspects, believe the explosion was a continuation of incidents in a feud between rival groups that began last year. Terrorist sabotage has been ruled out.

The groups were fighting for control over the cafe and entertainment business in the town. In one case a charge was laid in a private house.

The 200 gram charge went off just before four a.m. in the cafe, owned by the Biton family, on Ga'aton Boulevard. The police found a 1.5 metre fuse and a friction igniter, both of Israel army manufacture, at the site. The explosion caused several thousand pounds worth of damage.

Israeli tanks leaving the west bank of the Suez Canal over the causeway which is to be handed over to U.N. troops this afternoon. It was built by the army and will be handed over intact. (Rahmani)

Dayan asks to put off debate on army's image

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan has personally requested NRP Knesset Member Avraham Melamed to postpone a motion for the agenda to debate attempts to detract from the image of the Israel Defence Forces.

Mr. Melamed agreed, after Mr. Dayan reportedly explained that the topic, with all the arguments for and against, is too much in the news these days. He asked him to wait till the ferment subsided somewhat.

At the same time, CRM's Shulamit Aloni has tabled a parliamentary question to Mr. Dayan asking him about the Military Press Censor's deletion of material from newspaper articles about complaints now current in the army, on the argument that publication is injurious to morale in the IDF.

Likud Chief Menahem Begin yesterday agreed to allow — at next Sunday's faction caucus — a discussion on a complaint by Yosef Tamir (Liberal wing) that the Defence Minister makes light of his parliamentary responsibilities. In a parliamentary question, Mr. Tamir had asked Mr. Dayan to confirm or deny Motti Ashkenazi's statement in a press interview, that his Canal-side outpost only got the red light "total war" flash 20 minutes before the Egyptians attacked on October 6. Dayan wrote that he refused to reply "because it was against the national interest."

Mr. Tamir then put a second, different question, asking whether the Supreme Command of the IDF had already convened to study the lesson of the Yom Kippur War. Mr. Dayan again refused to reply "because it was against the national interest."

(The meeting in fact took place last week, in the presence of the Prime Minister, the Chief of Staff and all the generals in the active list. The censor killed all reports of what was said and permitted publication only of the fact it was held.)

The double refusal prompted Mr. Tamir's request to air the complaint in the faction. The fact that Mr. Begin agreed may indicate a certain straining of relations between him and Mr. Dayan over the issue of the National Unity Government.

Half of 7,000 wounded left partially disabled

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

About half of the 7,056 soldiers wounded and injured during and since the Yom Kippur War will remain with a ten per cent or higher degree of disability, the Knesset Labour Committee was told yesterday.

Aryeh Fink, head of the Defence Ministry's Rehabilitation Division, said that his 1974/75 budget of IL250m. would be more than double that of 1973/74. He said some 500 apartments would be built in the near future for disabled veterans, war widows and bereaved parents. They would be given the same terms as new immigrants.

'Lumbago' proves to be spinal tumour

HAIFA. — A 37-year-old mother of two, paralysed from the waist down by a growth in her spine which was treated as lumbago, was yesterday awarded IL575,000 in damages by the District Court.

The woman, who had sued the State, the Histadrut's Kupat Holim and the Haifa Municipality, told the court that she went to Kupat Holim in 1969 suffering from severe back pain. The doctors, she said, neither made a clear diagnosis nor referred her to specialists, including doctors at the city's Rothschild Hospital and the Rambam Government Hospital.

By the end of 1969, after being sent back and forth from one medical institution to another, an X-ray clearly showed a deformation in one of her vertebrae. In spite of this discovery, however, she did not receive the immediate examination and treatment it demanded. Soon after Rothschild Hospital diagnosed her trouble as lumbago, the vertebra collapsed completely and she was paralysed in the lower part of her body.

Doctors at Rambam Hospital then found a growth in the damaged vertebra.

The woman argued that early discovery of the growth would have prevented her paralysis, and that her doctors did not act with the care demanded of their profession.

The hospitals and sick fund had denied most of the charges, claiming that the damage could not have been prevented even had the correct diagnosis been made in time, and that all necessary tests had been made. *(Itim)*

Zionist Council meets in Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The role of Zionism today is to ensure the continued existence of the Jewish people, President Ephraim Katzir told the Zionist General Council at Binyanei Ha'oma here yesterday. Prime Minister Golda Meir and former President Zalman Shazar were among those present.

Arye Pincus, the late chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, who died seven months ago, was eulogized by Mordechai Bar-On, of the executive.

The Council has been convened in special session to discuss aliya and the information policy of the Zionist Organization.

Yitzhak Navon, chairman of the Council, said that if the Zionist movement fails to organize mass immigration, "the State would be well-advised to appeal directly to Jews abroad and help form groups of would-be immigrants."

Mr. Navon told the story of a group of elderly people in Jerusalem who wrote a message to the Almighty and put it in a crack of the Western Wall recently, appealing to Him to take what remains for them to live, and grant the expanse of lives saved to the young men going to war.

The acting chairman of the Zionist Executive, Arye Dulzin, opened the session. He said the Zionist movement should aim at seeing there are "seven to eight million Jews in Israel within the next 25 years."

In addition to immigration, the Council will discuss information which, Mr. Dulzin said, must stress "the right of the Jewish people to the land where the nation was born." (Mr. Dulzin is a leader of the Likud Party.)

Zionism, Mr. Dulzin said, was "the Jewish movement of liberation. It must be more widely known how many Arabs there were in Palestine 90 years ago. The Arab refugee problem should be solved, he said, "but not at the expense of our very existence."

Mr. Dulzin earlier reported that the trustees of the expanded Jewish Agency, who met in Jerusalem a fortnight ago, decided to establish an Educational Fund in Pincus's memory.

The World Confederation of General Zionists will boycott the session called to hear representatives of the various political parties in Israel. Notifying the Jewish Agency of its decision yesterday, the Confederation said that injecting the sharp political controversy now going on into the Zionist General Council meeting could only distract it and would serve no useful purpose. The invitations to party representatives conflicted with the Confederation's ideology, which rests on non-identification with any Israeli political party, it said.

IN MEMORIAM ABDUL AZIZ ZU'ABI

Staunch supporter of Arab-Jewish friendship

...."Praise be to God, the Lord of all creatures.... direct us in the right path."
(Preface to the Koran)

With the sudden and untimely death last week of Abdul Aziz Zu'abi, Deputy Minister of Health, Israel's 400,000 minorities, the inhabitants of the administered areas and Gaza, and wide Jewish circles in Israel have lost a staunch friend and an ardent supporter of the cause of better Arab-Jewish understanding. As the first member of Israel's Moslem minority to reach the top, Abdul Aziz Zu'abi distinguished himself as a spokesman for Israeli Arabs in two ways: first, he was a Socialist, not the head of a clan, nor a notable or landowner. Indeed he made his own way up to the very top. Secondly, his intellectual abilities enabled him to find the "right path" to synthesise his loyalty to Israel with his proud Arab nationalism. The dilemma of "dual loyalty," which is often a cause of frustration among Israeli Arabs, did not trouble him.

For him it was only natural, when opening a new out-patients' clinic at the Gaza Shifa Government Hospital, in March 1972, to tell over 1,000 Arab guests that he was an Arab like them, yet saw no conflict between his nationality and his post as Israel's Deputy Minister of Health. He added then: "There is no power in the world which can drive the Jews into the sea or the Arabs into the desert. Their common enemy is: disease..."

Abdul Aziz Zu'abi was born into a distinguished Moslem family in the Nazareth district in 1926. His father, a sergeant-major in the Palestine Police Force, sent him to the Arab Teachers College in Jerusalem. He started his career as a clerk in the British mandatory administration, joining the Israel civil service after the establishment of the State.

In 1956 he was elected by his collegues to the post of Secretary of the civil servants union in Nazareth. Two years later he began his political career as a Mapam activist: editor of that party's Arabic newspaper, member of its Secretariat and its representative in many missions abroad. In 1965 he was elected to the Knesset on his party's platform and four years later he was appointed Deputy Minister of Health, the first non-Jew to attain such a post.

Abdul Aziz Zu'abi made a deep impact on wide Jewish circles because of his moderate views and heartfelt belief that the Arabs of Israel could serve as a bridge to understanding between Israel and the Arab world.

He delivered one of his finest addresses to the Israel Academic Committee on the Middle East at the end of 1971. Zu'abi spoke of the Israeli Arabs as being... "on the way to full integration, which, however, is still blocked by the state of war between Israel, our country, and the Arabs, our people...", and dwelt at length on the need for "education for partnership".

Zu'abi believed profoundly in a Palestinian-Jordanian State with whichever regime the inhabitants chose, though admitting that he personally, preferred a democratic republic to Hussein's kingdom.

Abdul Aziz Zu'abi was by no means a "yes man". One of his last steps, before his untimely death, was to write to Premier Golda Meir to ask for a meeting with her over the question of the West Bank leaders who had been expelled for inciting to disobedience in the areas, about a month ago. Mrs. Meir had agreed to the meeting, which had been scheduled for the near future. Zu'abi intended asking that the expelled persons be permitted to return to their native towns, after promising to abstain from unlawful political activities.

Rest in peace "Abu Amir", we, your Jewish friends and admirers, will not forget you.

GIDEON WEIGERT

Knesset tribute

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset stood in silence yesterday to mark the memory of the late Deputy Minister of Health, Abdul Aziz Zu'abi (Alignment-Mapam) who died last week, aged 48.

Knesset Speaker Israel Yeshayahu, who described the Arab Deputy Minister as a "loyal and devoted servant of the public and the State," said that after consulting with the bereaved family, he had fixed a memorial session for Wednesday, March 20.

Marine officers

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Zim to enter negotiations on their claims for higher pay.

At a press conference yesterday, Zim General Manager Moshe Kashti announced that the company had reached the end of the line in its relations with the Officers' Union. It was now fully prepared to face a general strike, but would not give in again to the Union's demands on the roll-on-roll-off freighters, Mr. Kashti said.

The shareholders, he said, were ready for a show-down with the danger that it may lead to Zim's liquidation. Mr. Kashti announced that representatives of the major shareholders, the Israel Corporation and the Government, fully backed this stand, and were ready to bear the estimated $15m. to $20m. a month loss a general strike would cost the company.

He said that due mainly to the officers' high wages — "among the highest in European shipping" — hardly any Israel-flag Zim ship had earned money during 1973, and some had incurred heavy losses. These losses had been covered by the profits from the foreign-flag ships operated under charter.

He also announced that the company had closed down the galleys aboard the Iris, Narkis and Lilac. The officers were welcome to leave the ships and be replaced, he said.

As to the master of the Narkis, which had blocked the entry to Haifa port on Sunday, he would have to face a tribunal, as he had refused orders to sail to Cyprus on Friday. His refusal, amounting to mutiny, was the most serious offence a sea captain could commit, Mr. Kashti said.

He charged that, since the present Union leadership had taken over 13 months ago, they had confronted Zim and the merchant marine with a constant stream of strikes and disputes, and had indeed turned every negotiation into a session of threats and oaths. The Zim Board had last Thursday seriously considered the question whether, in view of the union's behaviour, it was possible to carry on running the company at all.

"Our credibility *vis-a-vis* the clients has been undermined, and some are already considering transferring their cargoes to other companies. They could no longer be sure when they would arrive in Zim ships, whose sailing schedules have been constantly disturbed by the strikes," he said.

Mr. Kashti said that the officers on board the roll-on freighters were already earning from IL4,470 to IL8,250 gross pay monthly, and their income tax was only 18 to 24 per cent. In addition they enjoyed social benefits amounting to another 33 per cent, "unmatched in any merchant marine."

Their new demands totalled from IL820 to IL1,440 per man monthly, and not the "average IL800 gross" the union had stated.

He noted that Zim could compare the relative wages of Israeli and foreign officers, as it was running some ships under British and German flags "and our men get 20 to 60 per cent more." However, Mr. Kashti said he did not wish in any way wish to derogate from the "excellent work" the officers were doing. But he insisted he could no longer carry on dealing with the union leaders, unless they changed their attitude completely.

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Meeting on publication of names of war dead

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The chief of the Manpower Division, Aluf Hen Shafir, will be meeting a delegation of bereaved parents tomorrow to discuss appropriate ways of publishing all the names of the October war victims.

Announcement of the meeting led to a cancellation of an urgent motion for the Knesset agenda tabled by the Citizens Rights (Shulamit Aloni) and Moked factions.

Ashdod building container terminal

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHDOD. — A new container terminal is to be built in the port, at a cost of about IL100m., Deputy Port Director Yitzhak Binovitch told newsmen Sunday.

He said that more than 130,000 containers are expected to be handled this year, compared to 50,000 last year. According to figures prepared by the Port of Ashdod, they expect 340,000 containers by 1978/79.

the israel museum, jerusalem
Scandinavian Design

exhibition in the Palevsky gallery opening today at 5 p.m.
in the presence of all the Scandinavian ambassadors

WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION

Session of the Zionist General Council

Tuesday, Feb. 19, 1974 at Binyenei Ha'ooma

AGENDA

9.00 a.m. — 1.00 p.m.	Address on Aliya Matters by RABBI MORDECAI KIRSHBLUM, Member of the Executive
	Debate on Aliya Matters
	Election of Committees
3.00 p.m. — 7.00 p.m.	Address on Zionist and Political Information Activities by Mr. AVRAHAM SCHENKER, Member of the Executive
	Debate on Information Activities
8.30 p.m. — 11.00 p.m.	Question and Answer Session with the PRIME MINISTER, MRS. GOLDA MEIR
	Conclusion of Debate

WILMIE and TUVIA GRUBER

are happy to announce the birth of a daughter, on February 17, 1974, sister to Orly and Alon.

SAYA and Dr. CHARLES MALKIN
are happy to announce the birth of their son a brother to Michael and a grandson to Rosa and Shmuel Shulman
February 16, 1974 Assuta Hospital, Tel Aviv

The PRESIDENT and the WORLD WIZO EXECUTIVE Congratulate
AYA and Dr. ZVI DINSTEIN
IRIT and PAVLO MELECHSON
on the birth of their GRANDDAUGHTER and DAUGHTER, and wish them much joy and good fortune.

With deep sorrow, we announce the passing yesterday, February 18, 1974, of our dear
Dr. ERNA TEZNER
Widow of the late Dr. Otto Tezner
Please contact Tel. 226514, 253464, 255805, Tel Aviv, for details of the funeral.
Daughter, Hava Ramon, and husband
Sister, Trude Huller, and husband
Granddaughters, Anath, Tamar, Oreet

HUNGER-STRIKING JEWS IN MOSCOW CUT OFF

MOSCOW (UPI). — The hunger pangs are bearable. It's the loneliness which is hard to take.

This was the feeling of the three Jews staging a hunger strike here to protest the Government's refusal to grant them exit visas to Israel. Their telephone is cut and they wonder about the effectiveness of such an isolated protest.

"The hunger is not too bad so far," said Vitaly Rubin, a thin, intense, 50-year-old scholar of ancient Chinese. "We have headaches, sometimes we feel light-headed. But it is this feeling of isolation which is bad for us."

Rubin, David Azbel, a 63-year-old chemical engineer, and Vladimir Galatsky, a 44-year-old artist, took their last meal on Thursday. They said they intend to keep up the strike until their doctor forbids them to continue.

"By cutting our conversations with the outside world, the KGB plans to isolate us and minimize the meaning of our hunger strike," the three said in a statement Sunday.

During the visit of a newsman, the telephone rang more than 20 times but each time the call was cut after a word or two. In addition, the home phones of family members and friends of the group are being interfered with, Rubin said.

Rubin and Azbel first applied for visas two years ago, Galatsky one year ago. They said their applications have been ignored or rejected without reason after they had fulfilled "humiliating" bureaucratic requirements.

Azbel, who spent 16 years in a Stalin-era concentration camp, said the strike also is meant to draw attention to the plight of Soviet Jews who are unable to emigrate because of the nature of their work, the place they live or "official arbitrariness": "Soviet propaganda gives assurances that all Jews are allowed to leave unless prevented by security or other reasons," he said. "We want to remind people in the West of how elastic are those other reasons, and of how many Jews are forced to remain here against their will."

He said he hoped other Jews throughout the Soviet Union would hear of their strike by listening to the BBC or the Voice of America and draw encouragement from it.

Brezhnev text implies

Israel's readiness controls Soviet exits

The rate of Soviet Jewish emigration is determined not by Soviet controls, but by Israel absorption capabilities. This was implied by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev in some off-the-cuff remarks through an interpreter to a group of Jewish demonstrators during a stopover in Gander, Newfoundland on February 1, on his way back to Moscow from Cuba.

A transcript of the remarks, which is only now reached *The Jerusalem Post*, is as follows:

Woman: We have our facts. We believe there are approximately 100,000 who wish to leave the USSR. In the Soviet Jewish community, but we don't have specific facts of how many of your citizens other than Soviet Jews who would like to leave.

Interpreter: Right now, Mr. Brezhnev is saying there are 3,500 persons who want to go to Israel, but Israel is not in a position to accept them all at a time. They accept groups of 300 to 400, so as soon as they are ready to accept, the Soviet Jews will get their permits to leave the country and are going to Israel. We can let them in one day, but Israel cannot accept them all.

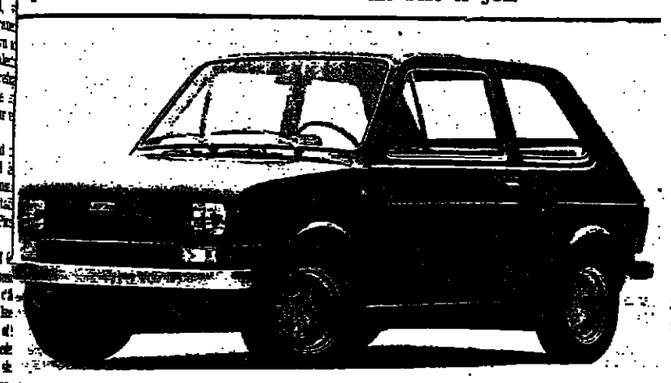
When Mr. Brezhnev was in Washington, all the business world of Washington was present. They took their official state data and there was about 100 mikes. They took down everything which was said. It was his official statement as a statesman. You don't actually know the facts, and you don't know what you want.

Woman: We know our facts. We asked for Syiva Zalmanson to be released. She is dying of T.B. — she was from the Leningrad trials.

Interpreter: As a matter of fact, it is not the business of Mr. Brezhnev. There are courts in our country who deal with the judicial system. She is a criminal on our criminal code. She was attempting to hijack a plane. Please what is your name.

Woman: My name is already with the First Secretary. My name is Marsha Richner and the Soviet Ambassador has my name and my address as well.

Interpreter: You are too young a woman now and you have not as much acquaintance with the Jews as Mr. Brezhnev has. So, goodbye — all the best to you.



Fiat's new mini-car, the "126," now on sale in Israel.

Fiat introduces one of 'cheapest cars in Israel'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Fiat agency in Israel yesterday took the wraps off its latest and smallest model, the "126". Introducing the car to reporters here yesterday, Mr. Wechsler, head of the Israel agency, said it would be one of the cheapest of foreign makes available here, retailing for just under IL20,000 (licensing fees, safety belts and warning triangles included).

The "126" is powered by a souped-up version of Fiat's famous 500 engine (its bore has been increased to almost 600 cc). It is air cooled, rear engined and has four forward shifts, with synchromesh on the 2nd, 3rd and top gear. Its top speed is around 105 kph and its manufacturers claims that it can get up to 20 kilometres a liter of petrol.

Other standard features include a dual brake system (hydraulic) and radial tires. Although it is claimed to be a direct descendant of the smaller topolino, a streamlined two seater which first captured world markets almost forty years ago, its performance should roughly match the original version of the Fiat 600 — with improved comfort (better suspension). Six footers, though, are liable to find the front seats rather cramped (and the rear seats impossible).

Sales the day the car went on show accounted for 26 cars.

Mr. Wechsler explained that he had deliberately postponed the introduction of the car for "several months" to ensure an adequate supply of spares and service parts.

Shekem fined for contaminated meat

TEL AVIV. — High concentrations of *escherichia coli* (a human intestinal bacterium) found in their hamburger cost the management of Shekem a IL6,000 fine and a IL300 bill for laboratory expenses in the Magistrates' Court here yesterday. The defence maintained the sanitary fault was a rare occurrence.

Other firms fined were the Beit Yitzhak conserves plant — IL600 for a piece of string found in their jam, and the As Sausage Company — IL900 for feathers in their meat products. A piece of iron in their frozen vegetables brought a IL575 fine to the Sunfrost Vegetable Company.

In Netanya the local Of Gil meat firm was fined IL2,500, plus IL275 laboratory costs for substandard sausage. A representative of the firm maintained in the Magistrate's Court that the laboratory was not capable of determining the composition of the sausage; the sausage had been made from the proper ingredients, he said, but these had apparently not been adequately blended.

U.S. professors denounce Syrian stand on PoWs

Seventeen eminent American professors, including 15 Nobel Prize laureates, have decried Syria's "violation of international law and morality in refusing to submit a list of Israeli prisoners-of-war and to allow visits by representatives of the International Red Cross.

"We call upon the government of Syria to remove this obstacle in the road to a possible settlement of the Middle East conflict," the professors declared in an open letter made public by the Foreign Ministry.

The professors are Kenneth Arrow (Harvard), Julius Axelrod (National Institute of Mental Health), Hans Bethe (Cornell), Conrad Bloch (Harvard), Carl Cori (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Max Delbrück (California Institute of Technology), Robert Holley (Salk Institute for Biological Studies), Arthur Kornberg (Stanford), Simon Kuznets (Harvard), Eugene Lamb (Yale), Wassily Leontief (Harvard), Marshall Nirenberg (National Institutes of Health), Henry Rosovsky (Harvard), Paul Samuelson (M.I.T.), Emilio Segre (University of California at Berkeley), Harold Urey (University of California at La Jolla), and Jerome Wiesner (M.I.T.).

Heath says UK has also tried in Damascus

LONDON (AP). — Prime Minister Edward Heath said yesterday his Government has failed in repeated efforts to persuade Syria to publish the names of Israeli prisoners-of-war.

"The best hope of progress in this sad situation must rest in a successful outcome to the military and political negotiations now taking place," he wrote in a letter to Britain's Chief Rabbi, Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits.

The Chief Rabbi's appeal for help was brought to No. 10 Downing Street last week by an unidentified Israeli girl whose soldier brother is being held by the Syrians.

Panthers warn of trouble over Acre slaughterhouse

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Black Panther movement secretary Shalom Cohen warned yesterday of trouble in Acre over the unresolved case of a poultry slaughterhouse there, closed down some ten months ago as unhygienic. The owner, Yitzhak Ben Shoshan, was a Black Panther candidate in the municipal elections

Cohen said if an order for the demolition of the slaughterhouse was carried out without a fair deal for the owner, Ben Shoshan and members of his family "would be driven into a desperate act of self-sacrifice, with unpredictable consequences."

When the slaughterhouse was closed down, the Health Ministry, municipality and the religious council all disclaimed responsibility. Ben Shoshan began a sit-down strike in front of the City Hall, but he was charged with "trespassing and affronting the honour of the municipality" and given a six month suspended sentence to be activated if he resumed the strike. "Has striking become a punishable offence?" Shalom Cohen asked.

Mayor Israel Doron of Acre who threatened to resign last September over an allegation by the Minister of Health that the municipality was responsible, again denied on Sunday that his office ordered the closure. If the Health Ministry permitted it, he could reopen any day, the Mayor said.

Ben Shoshan himself said on Sunday he had no money for a lawyer to press the case through the High Court.

SURVEY OF SOVIET IMMIGRANTS

Problem not housing, but job, acceptance

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

After one year in the country 85 per cent of Russian immigrants are happy with their housing — which is often better than they were used to in the USSR — and job satisfaction and social acclimatization remain their paramount absorption problems.

These are some of the findings of a survey on the absorption of Russian immigrants made for the Absorption Ministry by Prof. Judith Shuval of the Hebrew University's Institute of Applied Social Research. Ministry Director-General Pinhas Dagan and Prof. Shuval told the press some of the findings at a meeting at Beit Agron in Jerusalem yesterday. The survey, begun almost four years ago, included immigrants who arrived as long as ten years ago. It covered a total of 1,600 persons.

It emerged that satisfactory employment, especially for academics, remains a major problem on which the Ministry concentrates much effort and large funds (a doctor is supported for up to three years while he retrains). Many immigrants insist that the status of their job in Israel be no lower than the one they held in Russia.

SOCIAL ABSORPTION

Once the questions of housing and employment are solved, however, the problem of social absorption emerges as all-important.

Of those surveyed, 38 per cent, said that their social life in Israel was less satisfactory than it had been in the Soviet Union. Of these, a quarter thought they had gone down in social standing.

While 46 per cent said their social status had remained unchanged, a mere 16 per cent felt it had improved.

Significantly, more than a third of those who said their social life here was worse than it had been abroad were very sceptical about the chances of improvement.

The majority of Russian immigrants arrive here without a knowledge of Hebrew. About half the younger immigrants (ages 18-29) consider mastering the language their main absorption problem. Almost half of those who earn their living through jobs involving manual labour say that they got along well without knowing Hebrew.

The survey finds that, contrary to accepted theories, the immigrants' identification with the country is not conditional on knowing the language.

It also found that half the immigrants, even after ten years here, still do not speak and read Hebrew freely. For them Hebrew remains the central absorption problem.

About two per cent of Russian immigrants emigrate again, Mr. Dagan said. The figure rises to three per cent if those who remain in Vienna or Rome without ever setting foot in Israel are included, he said.

Woody Allen plays at Latin revolution

WOODY Allen co-authored, directed and stars in **Bananas** (Studio, Tel Aviv), a crazy comedy which runs off in all directions, goes from slapstick to satire, has times when it becomes a little tiresome but has some really hilarious moments.

Woody starts off with being a "products tester" for a New York firm, wrestling helplessly with machines. "They hate me," he says. Then he meets Nancy (good performance from Louise Lasser) who is collecting signatures to protest dictatorship in the South American republic of San Marcos. Woody, of course, makes an immediate play for Nancy, and one of the most amusing moments in the film is provided by their jargon-filled, catchphrase discussion about "life." But Nancy soon finds "something missing" in their relationship and Woody goes off to San Marcos where he gets involved with revolutionaries, guerrilla warfare and also fund-raising (one group has enlisted the help of the U.J.A.). The latter sends him back to the U.S.A. and more trouble.

Woody himself plays to perfection the character he has made his own: the *nebbish* who is always landed with jobs he does not want to do, is thoroughly inept at what he does undertake and, longing for love, is always socially and sexually embarrassed. Where the film is not as successful as, for instance, Allen's "Play It Again, Sam" is in the lack of discipline in the script and the irrelevance of many of the gags. There is one scene where two groups of black clothed mourners carrying crucified figures (one of them Woody) run into a traffic snarl and solemnity turns into hilarity. It is a funny scene but there seems to be no reason for its inclusion. Still, on the whole the film is enjoyable and full of good lines.

Les Granges Brulees (Zafon, Tel Aviv) opens with the discovery of the body of a young woman lying by a car in a snow-filled track in a village in the Haut-Doubs. She has been stabbed to death and suspicion at once falls on the occupants of a nearby farm owned by Rose (Simone Signoret).

Although the solution of the crime is an important part of the film, this is less a thriller than a study of character and rural background. Rose is a middle-aged woman with a husband, two married sons and a daughter (the small role of the daughter is played by Simone Signoret's own daughter, Catherine Allegret). She is honest, hard-working, a matriarch ruling her family clear-sightedly. When an examining magistrate (Alain Delon) is sent down from Paris, the story resolves itself into a battle of wits between him and Rose, two opponents who respect one another.

The action moves rather slowly; Delon has little to do except look handsome and this, of course, he manages very well. But Simone Signoret gives life to her portrayal and makes Rose an interesting if not a sympathetic character who accepts the disclosure of the real natures of her sons with a peasant's stoicism. Bernard Le Coq plays Paul, the drunken weakling of the family, and Paul Crauchet is Rose's husband. Director Jean Chapot, a new name to me, builds up the country atmosphere with many happy touches and makes real the intense devotion of the older generation to their land.

S.W.

Spread of cattle disease blocked from Syria

BEIT DAGON. — Increased veterinary supervision prevented the spread of cattle diseases to Israel from the territories occupied in the October war, according to Dr. Yitzhak Dafni, head of Veterinary Services in the Ministry of Agriculture.

In his annual report, he said, large herds of cattle were rounded up and slaughtered in occupied Syria after they were found to be infected. Stricter supervision of local herds also prevented the infiltration of diseases prevailing in Africa.

For the first time since the establishment of the State, not one case of cattle tuberculosis was reported in 1973, he said.

Dr. Dafni also stated that increased poultry production has caused overcrowding in chicken coops. Together with a manpower shortage due to the war, the worsening of sanitary conditions has led to an increase in Newcastle disease among chickens.

COALITION

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this was removed at NRP's insistence. NRP argued that mention of "various rabbinical authorities" implied a measure of recognition for the Conservative and Reform movements. So both the "Chief Rabbis of Israel" and "various rabbinical authorities in world Jewry" were dropped.

A leading NRP Knesset Member stressed to *The Jerusalem Post* that the party's decision to consult the Chief Rabbis did not imply an automatic undertaking to abide by their ruling. The NRP reserved the final decision for its central committee — but it nevertheless would attach great weight to the advice of the Chief Rabbis, this MK explained.

The MK conceded that many Orthodox rabbis from the U.S. and Canada — including the halachic authority Rabbi Moshe Feinstein — had telephoned to NRP leaders urging them not to accept the Labour compromise. But he claimed that they were in fact referring to an earlier version of the compromise and were not yet apprised of the final and more favourable version.

This MK rejected the NRP "Young Guard's" claim that the party conference had forbidden the NRP from joining a new government unless the Law of Return were amended. The conference decision had merely spoken of "amending the situation" — and not necessarily by amendment of the law, the MK argued.

The veteran NRP leadership, while preferring of course an immediate amendment of the law, are inclined to accept the Zadok compromise which holds out some promise of a future amendment and meanwhile improves the "atmosphere" with a declaratory "gesture" confirming that "conversion" is indeed an "halachic concept."

It is precisely because of the "declaratory" rather than substantive nature of the Zadok compromise that Mapam and the Independent Liberals feel able to go along with it. A Mapam source told *The Post* that his faction would interpret the word "agreed" in the compromise formula as "agreed upon by all the streams in Judaism" — and on that understanding would probably accept it. An ILP Knesset Member said that his party, too, would give the new compromise "serious consideration."

As regards the other part of the "package deal" being offered to NRP by Labour — a commitment to stepped up development and settlement programmes in the administered area — the Mapam source explained that his faction had strong reservations on this, but indicated that these would not stand in the way of a new Alignment-NRP-ILP coalition. He pointed out that Mapam had reservations over Labour's own previous policy in the areas — "The Fourteen Points" — and had secured the right, under the Alignment agreement, to express these reservations in Knesset votes.

Labour have also agreed to an NRP demand that the new coalition declare in its formal guidelines that any territorial decision on the West Bank would necessitate new elections. Mapam say they can accept this too since it does not preclude *negotiations* with Jordan but only stipulates new elections before any *decision* is taken.

Meanwhile, at the parliamentary level, the Likud bloc plans an onslaught in the Knesset tomorrow in a motion for debate about the slow process of Coalition negotiations.

The Likud will accuse the Alignment of "making a mockery of itself at a time when the nation is faced by critical decisions."

And in what it termed "a dramatic last-minute appeal," the "Young Guard" of the Labour faction appealed to the NRP "Young Guard" to remove its opposition to the proposed compromise.

Human interest prize goes to 2 photographers

Tel Aviv freelance photographers Yossi Roth and Shlomo Arad are this year's joint winner of the Anna Riwkin-Brick Prize for human-interest photography, set up to honour the Swedish-Jewish photographer who died in Tel Aviv in 1970.

The prize — 3,000 Swedish kroner (about $750) — is awarded alternately in Sweden and Israel, with juries in both countries making the selections. This year's choice, unanimously approved by the Swedish jury, was made by an Israeli board composed of Mrs. Yona Zaloszer, Ya'acov Agor, Micha Bar-Am, Natan Donevitch, *The Post's* David Rubinger, and Swedish Ambassador Sten Sundfeldt.

Presentation of the award, divided between the two winners, will be on March 6 at the Swedish Embassy.

Soustelle speaks on ideology of the resistance

Jacques Soustelle

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jacques Soustelle, the French politician, anthropologist and former resistance fighter, yesterday spoke on "The Ideological Aspect of the French Resistance," inaugurating the Aryeh Ben-Eliezer Chair at the Hebrew University.

The chair and visiting lectureship in the History Department is on National Movements and National Liberation Movements in the 19th and 20th Century. It was endowed by friends of the late I.Z.L. leader, Aryeh Ben-Eliezer, who was Deputy Speaker of the Knesset on his death in 1970.

Hebrew U. President Avraham Harman handed the dedication scroll to Ben-Eliezer's widow at the ceremony in Canada Hall on the Givat Ram campus last night.

Schoolchildren from Leeds left in blessed ignorance

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Over 1,000 English schoolchildren and their teachers arrived here yesterday morning in the British liner Nevasa for a day-long visit. The children, who are on a fortnight's educational cruise in the Mediterranean, arrived from Alexandria, where the ship called on Saturday. Immediately upon arrival heer they left for tours of Jerusalem or Galilee.

The children, aged from 11 to 17, are from schools in Sheffield and Leeds, and while at sea attend lessons on board.

One of the headmasters begged your correspondent to "tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Ashkelon," when I told him that Leeds United, which heads the First Division with an unbeaten record, failed to beat Second Division Bristol City in Saturday's British Soccer Cup match. Bristol held Leeds to a 1:1 draw.

The headmaster said "if you tell the children, (some of whom were carrying Leeds United travel bags) you'll spoil their whole stay in Israel." I didn't.

NEW MANAGEMENT appointments have been announced by the Koor industrial concern. Naftali Blumenthal, former head of the financial department, has been made vice-president, commerce, business and finance, and Shalom Hochman, former Koor comptroller, will be the new head of the financial department.

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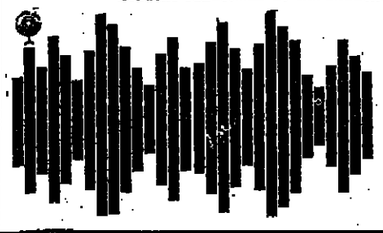

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About what is the Marine Officers' Union striking?

What salary increases is the Marine Officers' Union demanding for roll-on roll-off ships?

The increases in monthly salary demanded by the Union for officers serving on the strike-bound, roll-on roll-off freighter, "Iris," are as follows:

Rank	Salary offered by Zim (per month)	Addition demanded by Union (per month)	Total salary demanded by Union (per month)
Captain and Chief Engineer	IL8,250	IL1,400	IL9,650
First Officer (Deck and Engineering)	IL6,030	IL 960	IL 6,990
Second Officer (Deck, Engineering, Administration and Wireless)	IL4,470	IL 820	IL 5,290

In addition to the above increases in monthly salary, the Union is demanding a special salary increment for maintenance work carried out on board ship.

The employment conditions proposed by Zim for roll-on roll-off freighters are based on eight months' work and four months' holiday a year (three crews operate two ships), compared with 9½ months' work and 2½ months' holiday a year on ordinary freighters. Zim's proposal for employment conditions on roll-on roll-off ships includes 4½ days' special additional leave a month, while the Union is demanding 6 days' special leave a month. Those serving on ordinary freighters do not receive any such special additional leave.

It is to be remembered that, in accordance with a special arrangement,

captains and officers pay between 18% and a maximum of only 24% income tax

depending on their rank and family status.

Furthermore,

about 50% of salaries are paid on board in foreign currency.

In order to put the question in correct perspective, we feel it appropriate to give here **a table of CAPTAINS' and OFFICERS' SALARIES for service on various types of Zim ships:**

Type of ship	Captains and First Engineers (per month)	First Officers Deck and Engineering (per month)	Second Officers & Corresponding Ranks — Deck, Engineering, Administration, and Wireless (per month)
Tanker	IL10,140	IL7,580	IL5,620
Container ship	IL10,220	IL7,070	IL5,300
Roll-on roll-off*	IL8,250	IL6,030	IL4,470
Ordinary freighter	IL7,150	IL5,080	IL3,740

* Offered by Zim

1. Both tables show the gross monthly salary of captains and officers serving on the various types of ships operated by Zim in 1974.
2. The salary figures include special increments and payment for overtime, but do not include social benefits, such as holidays, study courses, etc.
3. The data give the average gross salary actually received by officers at the present time; yet, in accordance with a special arrangement, officers pay income tax at a rate varying between 18% and a maximum of only 24% (depending on rank and family status).

Thus, we are concerned with personnel working on roll-on roll-off ships, with net pay (after deduction of income tax) of — depending on family status — about the following:

Captain — IL6,300 net per month

First Officers — IL4,700 net per month

Second Officers and equivalent rank — IL3,600 net per month.

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Petrosian through to semi-finals

By ELIAHU SHAHAF
Jerusalem Post Chess Correspondent

Former world champion Tigran Petrosian clinched the Majorca World Chess quarter-final match by defeating Hungarian Grandmaster Lajos Portisch in the 13th game on Sunday. Petrosian won the match three games to two and joined his compatriots — Boris Spassky, Anatoly Karpov and Viktor Korchnoi — to form an all-Russian quartet in the semi-finals scheduled for April.

Number 13 proved to be lucky for the Russians. Both Korchnoi and Petrosian lost their 12th games, winning the 13th and final games of the Augusta and Majorca matches. In the semi-finals, Petrosian will play Korchnoi and Spassky will play Karpov, the 22-year-old Soviet prodigy.

Victory for Petrosian in the 13th game came after four hours and 58 minutes of play. Petrosian skillfully profited from an apparently good move by Portisch (21. Qf4), although it resulted in a mistake. By coincidence, both the 12th and the 13th games were decided by the advance of the "B" pawn. Here is the game (Queen's Gambit), Petrosian playing white: 1.Ktf3 D5 2.D4 Ktf6 3.C4 E6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Ktc3 0-0 6.Rc1 H6 7.Bh4 B6 8.C:D Kt:D5 9.Kt:D5 E:D 10.B:E7 Q:E7 11.G3 Ba6 12.E3 C5 13.B:A6 Kt:A6 14.0-0 Ktc7 15.B3 Rac8 16.Re1 Rfd8 17.H4 Kte6 18.Qd3 Qf6 19.Kg2 C:D4 20.E:D4 R:C1 21.R:C1 Qf4 22.G:F4 Kt:F4 23.Kg3 Kt:D3 24.Rc3 Ktb4 25.A3 Kta6 26.B4 Ktb8 27.Rc7 A5 28.B5 Kt7 29.Kf4 H5 30.Kte5 Ktf8 31.Rb7 F6 32.Ktc6 Ktg6 33.Kg3 Rd6 34.R:B6 Re6 35.Rb8 Ktf8 36.Ra8 Re1 37.Ktd8 Kh7 38.B6 Rb1 39.B7 Ktd7 40.R:A5 Black resigns.

(The surveys of the quarter-final matches were based on AP reports.)

Meir Kaminski (5), of the Israel National Basketb team, and John Wolfenberg, of Marathon Oil's A national basketball champions, fight for a rebou during Sunday's game in Lexington, Kentuc Marathon, which led throughout most of the ga defeated Israel 112-83. Steve Kaplan led the Isr team with 16 points; Itamar Marzel scored 12 poi (AP radioph

World soccer strike threatened

The International Federation of Professional Footballers (F.I.F. Pro) in Bonn threatened yesterday to call a strike during the World Cup finals starting next June unless the working conditions of its members are improved.

Gerhard Wiesner, Secretary-General of F.I.F. Pro, which represents the professional players in most Western European countries, said "a strike is undoubtedly possible. It is just a question of what it will look like."

The federation has requested that players should have a free choice of their clubs, transfer freely and have uniform disciplinary regulations and social security conditions.

It will meet in Rome on March 25 and 26 to consider strike action if the World Football Federation (FIFA) doesn't reply to their demands, Wiesner said.

CRICKET

West Indies finished the second day of the second Test Match against England in a sound position on Sunday.

After dismissing England for 333 shortly after lunch, West Indies got a fine start from left-hander Roy Fredericks and right-hand stroke-player Lawrence Rowe. At stumps the Islanders were 159 with all wickets intact. Rowe 80, and Fredericks 72.

England, overnight 251 for 5, lost their remaining wickets for an addition of only 102 due to splendid bowling, nine catches and one stumping.

Bowling honours for the West Indians went to Gary Sobers, who finished with 3 for 65, and Arthur Barrett, a right-handed leg spinner who took 3 for 86 in 39 overs.

England took the field without Geoff Boycott, suffering from a leg muscle injury, but there was anxiety in the West Indian camp when it was reported that their captain, Rohan Kanhai, had a swollen right palm. The team manager, Andy Ganteaume, said however that Kanhai would be fit to bat on when play resumes today. Yesterday was a rest day.

RUGBY

Ireland beat England by 26 points to 21 at Twickenham and France held Wales to a 16:16 draw at Cardiff Arms Park in the five-nation rugby union championships on Saturday. The England-Ireland match was one of the finest this season and fortunes swayed from the kick-off to the final whistle. Eighteen minutes after the interval Ireland were leading by 26 points to nine after scoring four tries and a penalty goal, but England started to rally and slowly closed the gap.

SPORTS ABROAD
BY JOHN WOSNER

First, Old kicked a penalty (his fourth of the match) and then Squires scored a try which Old converted, to make the score 26:18. Old then scored another penalty, to bring his personal tally to 17 points for the game, and all England needed was a converted try for victory. Ireland held out however, to record their first win of the season.

France snatched a draw against Wales with only seconds of the game remaining through a magnificent dropped goal by Romeau. Both teams scored three penalty goals, a dropped goal and a try, but except for the dramatic finish the game lacked excitement. The two sides played adequate football, and Wales on the run of play were slightly unlucky not to win.

Wales lead the championship table with 4 points from 3 games. France have 3 points from 2 games, Ireland 3 points from 2 games, Scotland 2 points from 2 games and England no points from 2 games.

BOXING

Bruno Arcari, Italy's World light welterweight boxing champion, retained his crown in Turin on Saturday when Spanish challenger Antonio Ortiz was disqualified for butting in the eighth round.

West German referee Rudolf Drust stopped the fight when Ortiz, pressed by Arcari who kept on pounding him with vicious left hooks, threw a butt at the Italian, hitting him over the right eyebrow.

Ortiz had been officially warned twice earlier in the fight for butting as he took severe punishment from Arcari. The Spaniard opened cuts over both of Arcari's eyebrows. He broke the right one in the second round and the left one in the fifth.

It was the ninth title-defence for the 32-year-old Italian. It ended as it began, with a wild exchange of blows, pushing and butting.

On the same night, in Panama City world featherweight boxing champion Ernesto Marcel of Panama retained his title when he beat Nicaragua's Alexis Arguello in a unanimous 15-round points decisio

Marcel, who weighed 125¾ pou landed accurate punches on taller challenger. Arguello, w weighed 122¾ pounds.

In early and late rounds Argu moved forward with his lo reach and Marcel dealt left right hooks that sent the Nic guan's long hair flying.

Arguello took so many pun in the seventh round that ref Sergio Tulio Lay went to his co after the round and asked him i wanted to continue.

After that fight the champion nounced that he was retiring f the ring, as he had promised mother before the fight.

TRACK

Belgian Alfonse Bridebach ran 400 metres in a world indoor time of 45.9 seconds in Sofia Sunday night. At the same meet East Germany's Rita Cirst equa the women's indoor world high j record with a lap of 1.92 me

In San Diego, Tony Waldrup North Carolina set a world in mile record of 3:55.0.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League st ings after Sunday's games

EAST DIVISION	W	L	T	Pts	SF
Boston	40	9	6	86	249
Montreal	33	15	7	73	201
N.Y. Rangers	28	16	12	68	211
Toronto	26	19	11	63	203
Buffalo	25	25	6	56	180
Detroit	19	29	3	46	183
N.Y. Islanders	14	27	14	42	120
Vancouver	15	32	9	39	136
WEST DIVISION					
Philadelphia	34	12	9	77	192
Chicago	29	21	15	73	189
St. Louis	23	26	8	52	154
Atlanta	21	26	10	52	144
Los Angeles	21	27	8	50	153
Minnesota	18	26	13	49	173
Pittsburgh	17	33	5	39	159
California	11	40	7	29	151

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Associ standings after Sunday's game

EASTERN CONFERENCE ATLANTIC DIVISION	W	L	Pct.
Boston	41	17	.707
New York	37	26	.587
Buffalo	33	32	.508
Philadelphia	19	42	.311
CENTRAL DIVISION			
Capital	35	26	.574
Atlanta	28	36	.438
Houston	28	40	.365
Cleveland	21	44	.323
WESTERN CONFERENCE MIDWEST DIVISION			
Milwaukee	45	16	.738
Chicago	44	21	.677
Detroit	41	21	.661
K.C.-Omaha	28	41	.359
PACIFIC DIVISION			
Golden State	32	26	.552
Los Angeles	33	28	.533
Seattle	29	37	.439
Phoenix	25	37	.403
Portland	21	40	.344

BRIDGE
By George Levinrew

Israelis win in bridge singles

ISRAELIS came from behind on Sunday evening to win the two-session Individuals Tournament at the Ninth International Israel Bridge Congress at the Sheraton Hotel in Tel Aviv.

An astounding 70 per cent game won the kickoff at the first session on Saturday evening. Leon Shalit of France had the 70 per cent game, followed by Louis Shenkin of Scotland with 66 per cent and J. Fanlopt of France with 65 per cent. The overall winners in a very close finish were: 1. Mrs. Brechner of Tel Aviv 61 per cent, 2. Dr. Meshulam of Savyon with 60 per cent, 3. Mr. Gouru of France with 59.7 per cent, 4. Mrs. Salmanoff of Tel Aviv with 59.5 per cent, and Mr. Saltoon of Tel Aviv with 59.3 per cent.

Two hundred and forty players participated in the tournament.

The advanced contingent included bridge experts from Belgium, England, France, Holland, Scotland and South Africa. A newcomer is Mrs. Lena Bollak, open pair champion of Belgium and member of that country's women's team, who last July won a mixed pair tournament at Brussels with Italian champion Belladonna.

At a reception preceding the tournament Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat greeted the participants and the Dutch Ambassador, Gerrit Jan Jongejans, was introduced.

Last night was the opening of the sessions Mixed Pair tournament.

GEORGE LEVINREW

ISRALOM LTD. completed 32 condominium apartment transactions during the month of January or the same number as during January of last year, despite the moods of the October war, according to Uzi Ruskin, managing director of the Israeli Homes and Real Estate organization. These sales amounted to $1,542,000 for the month, which is approximately the same rate as sales for 1973.

IDEAL CONDUCTOR

Music

NEVILLE Marriner, conducting the Chamber Ensemble's 4th subscription concert (Tel Aviv, Beit Hahayal, Feb. 11) offered a highly rewarding programme: an early Haydn symphony (No. 59), Britten's "Nocturne" for tenor solo, seven obligato instruments and string orchestra, and Vivaldi's "Le quattro Stagioni." Marriner seemed the ideal conductor for a chamber orchestra and he directed with ease and light-handed flexibility. Introducing slight fluctuations of tempo, surprising, yet none the less well-balanced dynamic shades, he achieved a sparkling lightness both in orchestral sonority and in musicality, which made the Haydn symphony a delight.

The Vivaldi concerti were played by four violinists: David Braude, Isaac Shuldmann, Isaac Reuven and Dora Shwartzberg. One can understand the Ensemble's eagerness to give its members an opportunity to appear as soloists, but I did not think the idea a very good one. Differences of approach and in instrumental style worked to the detriment of the work as a whole and unnecessarily focused attention on the players rather than on the music. Only concert-master Reuven gave us a fully satisfying performance. David Braude al succeeded in doing the music justice. On the other hand, S mann's wobbling vibrato and Shwartzberg's slightly aggre virtuoso manner were incomp with Vivaldi.

Sandwiched in between two 18-century works was Brit enchanting "Nocturne," a wor immensely communicative m and incredibly delicate sub The music inspired both the ductor and the soloist, tenor Jenkins, to an outstanding perf ance. Applying his marv voice with the same ease t registers of the vocal line equally absorbed in all the m of expression and changing i of the eight songs, Jenkins us an unforgettable performa

BENJAMIN BA

Dancing to Schoenberg

By DORA SOWDEN

A PROGRAMME of ballets, all based on the music of Arnold Schoenberg who was born 100 years ago, is being planned by the Batsheva Dance Company. The programme will be given during this year's Israel Festival, which is to honour Schoenberg's memory.

Among the works to be presented will be "Exiles", choreographed by the late Jose Limon to Schoenberg's second chamber symphony (already in the Batsheva repertoire). Another ballet will be Glen Tetley's "Pierrot Lunaire" (set to Schoenberg's song-cycle). It is hoped that Tetley will come to direct it himself — or else his assistant, Scott Douglas. The noted Canadian ch grapher, John Butler, who has here before, will create a bal Schoenberg's "Five Pieces fo chestra."

Meanwhile, the Batsheva com will have an official premier March 5 of Robert Cohan's br "Ceil". This ballet has already performed with great succes the London Contemporary Company of which Robert is artistic director. (It has also seen by Batsheva-Bat-Dor su bers.) Another ballet, choreogr by Robert Cohan for Rina S feld, called "Eclipse," will be formed at a later date, as Ri at present unable to undertak strenuous routine.

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The agreement came into force on February 4, 1973.
Applicants who wish to benefit from the agreement from the time it came into force, should apply to the Authority by March 31, 1974.

GREATER HAIFA REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

TENDER No. 13/B-2/ISP/73 (8/74)

THE ISRAEL SEWERAGE PROJECT
AMENDMENT TO TENDER ANNOUNCEMENT

The Haifa Regional Sewerage Authority announces the following amendement to the tender announcement published on February 12, 1974.

1) The site inspection for contractors will be on March 28, 1974, at the same place and hour.
2) The sum IL1,000,000, which appears twice in the announcement, (for prequalified and registered contractors) should read IL7,000,000.

I. ZEISEL
Chairman of Greater Haifa Regional Sewerage Authority

CHANGE OF CARLESS DAY FOR
Vehicles Registered in Judea and Samaria

The Staff Officer for Transport, Judea and Samaria, advises the owners of vehicles registered in the area that those who wish may change their carless day once during the period March 1 to March 31, 1974.

No further changes of carless day will be possible for 6 months from the day on which such a change is made or from the date on which the original day was registered. Please apply to your local Licensing Office.

YISRAEL FARKASH
Staff Officer for Transport

OPENING OF DYNAMOMETER FACILITY, NABLUS

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YISRAEL FARKASH
Staff Officer for Transport

THE ISRAEL DESIGN CENTRE-OPENING EVENTS

MARCH 14, 1974
Convening of the panel of judges of 'edugame 73' International competition for the design and development of educational games

MARCH 19-20, 1974
First International Seminar on the subject 'Design and Development of Educational Games'

MARCH 20, 1974
Festive opening of the Design Centre Showroom at 35 Ben Yehuda St., Tel Aviv and an exhibition of the games entered in the competition 'edugame 73'
in the presence of Mr. Haim Bar-lev Minister of Commerce and Industry

REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN
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Gromyko: Solzhenitsyn is 'poison'

PARIS (UPI). — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko said yesterday that exiled Soviet writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn is "a poisoned drink" that is not wanted in the USSR.

Gromyko, ending a three-day official visit to France, told a news conference: "Solzhenitsyn now finds himself outside of our frontiers. He is like a poisoned drink who is not necessary for us in the Soviet Union."

Gromyko repeated a weekend statement by Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin that "Solzhenitsyn's family will be allowed to leave the Soviet Union."

Asked whether the family of the writer could bring out his archives and any manuscripts, Gromyko replied, "I am not informed on that question and I suppose very few people are. I don't know anything about it."

In Zurich, Solzhenitsyn yesterday received a hand-carried message from his wife in Moscow. The 55-year-old Nobel Prizewinner also visited his downtown Zurich bank, went shopping, and sat outside the house occupied by Lenin before the Russian Revolution.

Applauded wherever he went and at one point kissed on the right cheek by a French tourist, Solzhenitsyn pleaded with photographers to leave him alone.

"This is the fifth day," he shouted at two French photographers. "You have thousands of pictures. There is no end. Please leave me, please."

Soviets start missile tests as arms limit talks reopen

MOSCOW (AP). — The Soviet Union will start testing advanced intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBM) today, the same day the Soviet-American arms limitation (Salt) talks resume in Geneva.

The new round of tests was announced yesterday by Tass, which said it was authorized to announce that "launchings of carrier rockets" from the Soviet Union to the South Pacific would be made from February 19 to March 10.

Western experts said they presumed that the tests would be a continuation of Soviet experiments to perfect individually targeted multiple warheads (Mirv). Such a series was conducted last month.

The timing of the new tests appeared to be a political decision designed to influence the deadlocked Salt negotiations, whose objective is to find mutually acceptable limits for "offensive" strategic arms like Mirv.

It was presumed the Soviets were trying to convince the U.S. that Moscow felt no constraints to curtail advanced weapons research in the absence of a Salt treaty.

A 5-year interim agreement, signed in 1972, placed temporary limits on the number of offensive launchers each side can have, but does not affect qualitative improvements or experiments with new weapons systems.

It was unlikely the Soviets themselves would sign a Salt agreement before they had perfected Mirv and overcome some of their technological lag behind the U.S.

Tass warned shipping and planes to avoid the 'impact area' between 12 noon and midnight until March 10. The impact area, with a radius of 130 nautical miles, appears to be some 400 miles northeast of New Zealand.

UK miners appeal to Pay Board

LONDON (AP). — Representatives of Britain's 270,000 striking coal miners took pay demands to the government-appointed Pay Board yesterday.

The Board's chairman, Sir Frank Figgures, said the miners' request for pay increases far above the Government's anti-inflation guidelines was a "unique" situation.

The union representatives said the miners have a "special case," because of the danger involved in their work. Eighty miners were killed last year.

There was no indication what new figure, if any, the Pay Board would settle on. The Government, which has demanded that pay raises be held to 7 per cent, says it will approve whatever the Board rules.

The Pay Board hearing is expected to last until the end of this week.

The miners are seeking raises of $28.60 a week, a 35 per cent increase that would bring top salaries to about $110 a week. The Miners' Union says a Pay Board recommendation of an $11.77-a-week raise would be the basis for reopening talks with the Coal Board.

Industrial sources say there is little chance of the strike ending until the Coal Board's talks with the union resume.

The miners began striking on February 3. Prime Minister Edward Heath called for February 28 elections that amount to a showdown between his Conservative Government and the miners.

Coal stocks are expected to diminish to the crisis level of seven million tons by March 15 if the strike continues, raising the possibility of additional cutbacks in employment.

Britain, which produces 70 per cent of its electricity by burning coal, already is on a three-day work week to conserve power.

SECOND ISLAMIC SUMMIT CONVENING IN LAHORE

'Pakistan to recognize Bangladesh'

LAHORE. — The semi-official Pakistani newspaper "Nusawat" said yesterday Pakistan will recognize the state of Bangladesh within 48 hours, permitting both nations to attend the second Islamic Summit Conference, which starts on Friday.

Bangladesh was the former east wing of Pakistan, which was lost in Pakistan's 1971 war with India. "Nuwar," organ of Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's ruling party, said Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Mujibur Rahman would drop his insistence on trying 195 Pakistani prisoners as war criminals.

Part of the deal, the newspaper said, was that Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Algeria would guarantee the safety of the prisoners.

Indonesian Foreign Minister Adam Malik arrived yesterday carrying what may be a solution to the problems which keep Pakistan from recognizing Bangladesh.

"I have with me the assurance of the Bangladesh Government that it is willing to guarantee a solution to the problems," Malik said.

The Islamic Summit was called to formulate a joint Moslem stand on key Middle East issues. Foreign ministers will be deliberating during the next two days on the agenda and draft resolutions.

The summit will be the largest display of Moslem strength yet assembled. The member countries, plus six others invited as observers, represent a population of over 700 million in Northern Africa, the Middle East and Southern Asia.

Pakistan Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Aziz Ahmed said it will demonstrate solidarity behind the Arab cause and strengthen the hand of Arab leaders involved in the Geneva peace negotiations.

Islamic Secretariat Secretary-General Hasan Tohamy, of Egypt, said here recently the summit should crystallize the role of the Islamic nations in world politics.

He said that in a few years, Islamic countries would represent the world's richest grouping of nations, but it was essential to plan for the use of these funds for the benefit of all Moslem peoples.

(UPI, Reuter)

2 die in Italian clan shootout

FRIGNANO MAGGIORE, Italy (AP).—Two persons were killed and a dozen injured in a shootout between feuding families, police said yesterday. They gave this account.

Relatives of Christian Democratic Mayor Nicola Martino and Socialist Party leader Vincenzo Chirico argued on Sunday during a debate on hygienic conditions here, six months after the cholera outbreak in nearby Naples.

Two of them traded blows in the town's main square and Francesco Martino, the Mayor's brother, finished up on the ground. Then Antonio Martino, the family's chief, and his family faced three Chirico brothers, Vincenzo, Giuseppe and Alfonso, on a crowded street and a shootout began.

Vincenzo and Giuseppe Chirico died. Antonio Martino, his wife, his son and daughter were injured, along with Alfonso Chirico and a number of passersby.

Rivalry between the two clans has worsened since 1960, when Vincenzo Chirico seriously injured the Mayor's father in a brawl, during the municipal electoral campaign. The injuries led to the man's death three years later, according to the Martinos.

Priest held for 'obscene acts'

BARI, Italy (AP). — A priest was charged with "violent lewdness and obscene acts" against a dozen pupils at a boy's school, the police said yesterday. They said the priest injected a narcotic of some kind into the necks of the boys, rendering them helpless so he could indulge in lewd acts with them.

The priest was identified as the Rev. Nicola Bucciarelli, 48, director of the Most Holy Mary of the High Seas School at nearby Mola on Italy's South Adriatic coast.

The police charged his assistant, Albino Vergatti, 20, a law student, with "maltreatments and violence."

The arrests followed reports to the police by teachers and relatives who said the boys had bruises and needle marks on their necks. One boy was quoted as saying he would wake up at night, feel a needle stinging him in the neck and fall back asleep.

Insurgents kill Rhodesia couple

SALISBURY (Reuter). — A white Rhodesian farmer and his wife were killed in a guerrilla ambush in northeast Rhodesia over the weekend, reliable sources said here yesterday.

The couple, Eric Fletcher and his wife Barbara, died in an ambush about 19 kms from their farm at Runyararo, in the Centenary district.

Cairo probes soccer stadium disaster

CAIRO (UPI). — The public prosecutor yesterday opened an inquiry into the disaster in which 48 persons were crushed to death at the Zamalek stadium on Sunday.

At the same time, the government announced a study would be made of conditions at all sports fields so that steps could be taken to avoid a recurrence of the disaster.

More than 80,000 spectators had crammed into the stadium — built to hold 45,000 — to watch a match between the local team and a visiting Czechoslovakia team. A wire fence separating the field from the spectators broke under the pressure of the crowd and sent hundreds of fans spilling onto the pitch.

Police said 48 persons were trampled underfoot or suffocated and another 47 injured in the incident.

Ahmed Gamal Abu al-Magd, minister of state for youth, said after an emergency meeting yesterday steps were being taken to avoid repetition of such a disaster.

Al Magd said from now on all major matches would be broadcast and televised live to avoid overcrowding in stadiums.

The Czech team, Dukla, will play an Egyptian selection Friday and the proceeds of the match will go to the families of those who died Sunday.

Behind the disaster lay a decision to switch the Zamalek-Dukla game from the 100,000-capacity Nasser stadium to the Zamalek stadium. Authorities said the switch was made "for the convenience of the spectators" because the Nasser stadium is outside the capital.

In the meantime more than 80,000 tickets had been sold for the game.

AP reports from Prague that the Czechoslovak press made no mention yesterday of the Cairo stadium catastrophe. A statement on Sunday's cancelled match carried by all dailies said: "The interest in the match was so enormous and the stadium so crowded that spectators entered the playing fields creating chaos in which the match could not be played."

Possible Israel visit by Jobert discussed again

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — The much-talked of visit to Israel by French Foreign Minister Michel Jobert is being discussed again here after a French radio report said he had been asked by Israel Ambassador Asher Ben-Natan to make a stopover in Jerusalem during his next trip to the Middle East.

The Israeli Embassy here immediately denied that Ben-Natan had made any such move and a spokesman for the Embassy said that if Jobert were to visit Israel it would have to be something more than a mere stopover.

The French Foreign Minister himself started the present spate of reports last week when he said in a radio interview that he might visit Israel during the tour which will take him to Egypt and Lebanon next month.

No confirmation or further details have been given since then.

At the time, Jobert said only questions of etiquette remained to be solved before he could undertake the visit.

Informed sources here said the etiquette issue might simply be a question of whether Jobert should visit Israel before or after a visit by Abba Eban to Paris.

Hearst plans food ransom

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuter). — Newspaper magnate Randolph Hearst was due to announce late yesterday details of a food distribution plan designed to help win the release of his kidnapped daughter, Patricia.

Hearst has worked for six days to draw up his counter-offer to a massive food distribution plan to California's needy, which was demanded last Tuesday by his 19-year-old daughter's kidnappers, the Symbionese Liberation Army.

A Hearst family spokesman announced that the plan would be ready before today's deadline set by the S.L.A. The group has scaled down its original proposal, by saying the S.L.A. would be satisfied with the best food distribution Hearst is able to devise.

A coalition of left wing groups in San Francisco worked on separate food schemes. Three of the radical groups are the American Indian Government (AIM), which organized the Wounded Knee revolt, the Glide Memorial Church, of which black Activist Angela Davis is a member, and a black teachers' organization.

The kidnappers previously threatened to "execute" Miss Hearst if their demands for a massive food distribution scheme were not met.

Mental tests for soldier who buzzed White House

WASHINGTON. — The Federal Government yesterday dropped criminal charges against an army private who flew a helicopter onto the White House grounds early on Sunday, and turned him over to the army for "further procedures with the military."

Pfc. Robert Kenneth Preston, who flunked out of army flight training, learned of the Government's decision durnig a hearing before District of Columbia Superior Court Judge John R. Hess. He was returned later to Walter Reed Army Hospital's psychiatric facility near Washington, for further evaluation.

During the hearing, Preston was asked by reporters why he landed the helicopter on the White House lawn, but the 20-year-old private remained silent.

But asked if his aerial journey was prompted by his failure to graduate from army flight school, Preston replied, "could be."

Preston, a helicopter mechanic at nearby Ft. Meade, was pounced upon by police on Sunday, after a wild, erratic two-hour flight that took him buzzing over suburban communities and monuments in the nation's capital in pre-dawn blackness.

Whatever his motive, Preston's flight appeared to pose questions about the effectiveness of security for the President and his family — as well as security at military installations.

There was no danger to President Nixon on this occasion. He was at his home in Key Biscayne, Florida.

(AP, Reuter)

Two executed for bid to kill Shah

TEHERAN (AP). — Two self-described Marxists who had confessed to a plot to kidnap and kill the Shah of Iran, Empress Farah and Crown Prince Reza, were executed by firing squad yesterday. An army communique said they were shot at dawn.

The two, Iraj Golsorkhi and Karamat Daneshian, refused to request Royal clemency and confessed to the charges, declaring themselves Marxists. Under Iranian law, attempts on the lives of royalty bring execution after military trial.

Three other plotters who also were sentenced to death received royal pardon and their sentences were commuted by the Shah to life imprisonment. Seven other members of the same group received prison terms ranging from two to five years.

M.P.s brawl in Indian House

NEW DELHI (Reuter). — Marxist parliamentarians attempted to storm the Presidential dais at yesterday's opening of the Indian Parliament, in a widespread outburst of anger over inflation and food shortages. The first 10 minutes of an inaugural speech by President V. V. Giri was drowned out in a noisy free-for-all.

At least two parliamentarians fell to the floor after losing their shoes, and a deputy minister almost came to blows with an opponent.

But the 79-year-old head of state continued to read his speech.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi sat in her seat during the disturbance.

Thieu installs new cabinet

SAIGON (UPI). — President Nguyen Van Thieu yesterday named a new 19-man cabinet in an effort to strive for a more efficient government, the President's spokesman said.

Thieu fired his 25-man cabinet on Saturday in a move to combat inflation and corruption. He asked Prime Minister Tran Thein Khiem to remain at his post in the new cabinet.

Spokesman Hoang Duc Nha, who became Minister of Information, said Thieu wanted to carry out a four point programme: consolidating national security, increasing economic production, reforming the administrative machinery and cleansing society.

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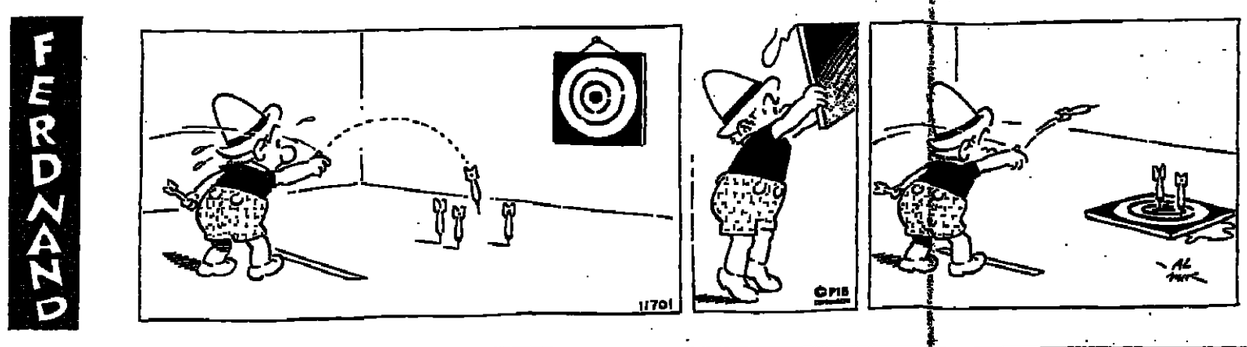

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ARNON — Decameron No. 2; CHEN — Kill; EDEN — The Gateway; EDISON — Sheel Ke Us Paar; HABIRAH — The Black Belt; JERUSSALEM — Splendour in the Grass; ORGIL — Diary of a Virgin; ORION — The Mackintosh Man; ORNA — Le Droit D'aimer; RON — Gone with the Wind; SEMADAR — The Clowns.

HAIFA
(4.00, 7.00, 9.00)

AMPHITHEATRE — Battle of the Giants; ARMON — Coffy; ATZMON — The Stone Killer; BEIT ROTHSCHILD — The French Connection; CHEN — Le Grand Blond Avec Une Chaussure Noire; MIRON — Sin, MORIAH — The Erotic Priest; ORAH — Blume in Love; ORDAN — Madame X; ORION — The Dragon and the Tiger; ORLY — Want So Much to Believe; PEER — The Beach of the War Gods; RON — Scarecrow; SHAVIT — The Lady in the Car.

TEL AVIV
(4.30, 7.15, 9.30)

ALLENBY — Charley Varrick; BEN YEHUDA — The Beach of the War Gods; CINEMA ONE — One Russian Summer; CINERAMA — Who Saw Her Die; CHEN — Mr. Hercules against Karate; DEKEL — Cat Ballou; EDEN — Four Riders; ESTHER — Blume in Love; DRIVE-IN CINEMA — Kazablan, McCabe and Mrs. Miller; GAT — PETE N' Tillie; GORDON — Le Grand Blond Avec Une Chaussure Noire; HOD — The Daring Dobermans; OPHIR — Scorpio; ORLY — I'll Cry Tomorrow; PEER — Malizian; PARIS — Kid Blue; RAMAT AVIV — Un Flic; STUDIO — Bananas; TCHELET — Duel; TEL AVIV — The Last American Hero; ZAFON — Les Granges Brulees; MAKIM — What they did to Solange; LIMOR — Amorous Head Master; MOGRABI — The Stone Killer; ORDAN — Sounder.

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FIRST PROGRAMME
256, 522 and 281 M.

7.58 a.m. Opening 8.05 "Morning Concert" Bach: Suite No. 2, for Flute and Orchestra (Soloist: Gareth Morris, Conductor: Otto Klemperer); Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 2, opus 19 (Soloist: Solomon, Conductor: Andre Cluytens); Rimsky-Korsakow: "Scheherezade" (The New-York Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Leonard Bernstein). 9.55 English New. 10.05 Tchaikovsky: Variations on a Rococo Theme, op. 33 (Soloist: Janos Starker-cello); Schumann: Symphony no. 3 in E-flat major ("Rhenish") (The Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Rafael Kubelik). 10.55 French News. 11.00 News in easy Hebrew. 11.05 Ivrit Le'am. 11.15 Programmes for Elementary School. 11.30 Song and Melody. 12.15 Programmes for Elementary School. 12.55 "Midday Concert" — Johann-Christian Bach: Symphony in D-major (Conductor: Emmanuel Hurwitz); Mendelssohn: Serenade and Allegro gioccoso (Conductor: Hans Swarowski). 1.05 At Midday. 1.25 Midday Concert — Lalo: "Namouna", Suite No. 2 (Conductor: Jean Martinon); Sibelius: "Rakastava" (Conductor: Leslie Jones); Coleridge-Taylor: Two Pieces from Petite Suite (Conductor: George Weldon). 2.05 Mother and Child. 3.05 "Radiodes" — "Bettering Your Knowledge." 3.30 Talmud lesson. 4.05 "Musical continuity" produced by Paul Landau. 5.05 "Classical Request Programme" Vivaldi: Concerto in C-major for Piccolo and Orchestra (Soloist: Jean-Pierre Rampal); Brahms: Trio in B-major, opus 8, for Piano, Violin and Cello (Richard Good, Josef Silverstein and Jules Eskin). 5.55 English News. 6.05 "People and Figures". 6.25 Guidance for Farmers. 6.50 French News. 6.55 For the Farmer. 7.05 "Today". 7.25 Light Music. 7.50 Bible Reading: Yirmiyahu, chaps. 35 and 36. 8.05 Reminiscences of Eretz Yisrael. 8.15 "Towards the Concert." 8.30 The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra (direct relay in Stereo from the Jerusalem Theatre) — Conductor: Lukas Foss, Soloist: Liliane Kalir (Guest-Pianist from the U.S.A.). Berlioz: Overture "Le Carneval Romain," Chopin: Piano Concerto No. 2 in F-minor, opus 21; Intermission — Saint-Saens: Symphony No. 3 in C-minor, opus 78, for Organ and Orchestra. 11.05 "Tonight." 11.25 "The Interview of the Month, (repeat) 12.05 A moment of poetry. 12.08 Close Down. 2.05-5.03 Hebrew songs and tunes. 5.05-8.00 Same as second programme.
Tuesday

SECOND PROGRAMME
457, 423, 256, 249, 355 and 340.5 M.

5.05 Hebrew Songs and Tunes. 5.55 Religious Service. 6.05 Exercises 6.15 Musical Clock. 6.55 Programme Announcements 6.59 A Moment of Hebrew. 7.05 "This Morning." 7.35 Hebrew songs. 8.55 "Green Light." 8.05 Announcements. 8.10 "Good Morning." 8.55 Names and Events in the Headlines 9.05 "Good Morning" (cont.). 10.05 "Here at Home." 11.40 Where to go and light music. 12.05 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.30 "Smile" — Songs and Sketches. 1.05 "At Midday". 1.25 Hebrew Songs. 2.30 "From Pop to Inclusive" — ed. by Rivka Michaeli. 3.05 Popular songs — Regards. 3.53 Encore — ed. by S. Rosen 4.05 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.06 "Passport to Song." 4.30 S. Rosen's Quiz. 4.55 "Passport to Song (cont.). 5.05 A Selection of Songs from the Hit Parade. 6.05 Oriental Songs. 6.45 Today's sport. 6.55 Announcements. 9.05 "The World of Pop Fashion, Art and Politics." 10.05 Public Opinion". 10.52 Light Music. 11.05 "Tonight." 11.25 Jazz. 12.05-3.00 Songs and Tunes.

FIFTH PROGRAMME
445 M.

6.58 Opening 7.00 News. 7.25 Song and Melody. 8.00 News. 8.05 Song and Melody.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR
7.00 p.m. News in easy Hebrew. Ivrit Le'am. 7.15 Georgian. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Ladino. 8.15 Mograbi. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Russian. 9.00 Close Down.

ENGLISH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES
7.00 a.m. (4th programme and short waves);
9.55 a.m. (1st programme);
1.30-2.00 p.m. (4th programme and short waves);
5.55 p.m. (1st programme);
8.30-8.45 p.m. (4th programme);
10.00-10.45 p.m. (short waves).

FRENCH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES
7.15 a.m. (4th programme and short waves);
1.55 a.m. (1st programme);
10.55 a.m. (1st programme);
6.50 p.m. (1st programme);
8.45-9.00 p.m. (4th programme);
12.00-1.00 a.m. (short waves).

1st Programme — 256, 522 and 281 M.
4th Programme — 407, 445 and 292 M.
3rd Programme (short waves) — 16, 19, 25, 31, 33, 41 and 49 M.

GALEI ZAHAL
6.05 Early Morning Tunes — greetings 6.55 For Soldiers and their families. 7.05 Morning Tunes. 7.55 Programme Trailer 8.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 8.30 Requests 9.55 "There are problems". 10.05 Requests. 10.55 With Uri Sela 11.05 Warm and Tasty. 11.55 Tamar Maroz suggests. 12.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 12.30 Warm and Tasty. 1.30 "It Reminds Me" with Hanna Zemer. 1.35 Warm and Tasty. 1.55 Announcements. 2.05 Entertainment programme with Mani Peer and Revital Amit. 2.30 Quiz. 2.57 Programme trailer. 3.05 Entertainment programme (cont.). 4.05 Please Call. 5.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 5.40 Tunes for Everybody. 6.05 "From the War". 7.05 "From Her to You" — with Edna Peer. 8.05 New Song Corner 8.30 By Request. 10.05 Let's Talk — with Nathan Donevitz. 11.53 "Midnight Talk." 12.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 12.30 "Night Birds" — with Uri Lotan and Pnina Bat-Zvi. 2.05 "Trials in History." 3.05 Tunes in the Night.

ISRAEL TELEVISION SERVICE
5.30 News. 5.32 Service Broadcast. 5.43 Science Series. 6.10 Dr. Doolittle. 8.00 Documentary. 8.30 Mabat. 9.00 Cannon. 9.50 Moked. 10.40 Entertainment from abroad. 11.10 News.
Educational: 7.50 Geometry 5. 8.40 Electricity 10. 9.05 Maths 7. 10.00 English 9. 10.20 English 6. 10.45 For Kindergarteners. 11.05 Geometry 9. 11.25 English 7. 12.00 English 10. 12.20 English 8. 1.00 Technology 9. 1.30 Citizenship 7. 1.40 Know Your Country — Guidance for teachers. 4.00 English. 4.20 For Kindergarteners. 4.48 The Computer. 5.00 English.
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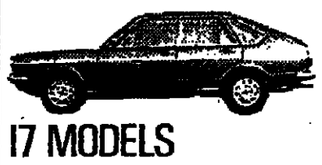

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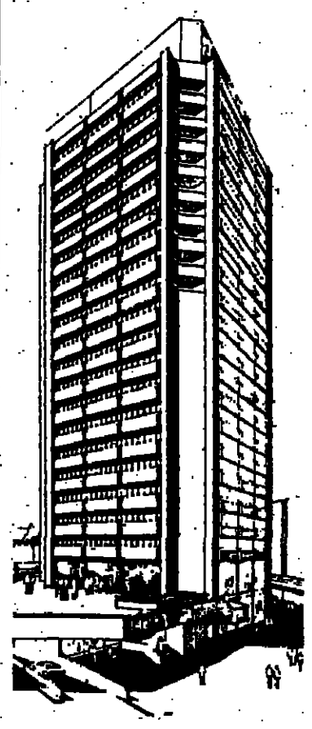

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Business and Finance

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Index-linked bonds still climbing

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The price of index-linked bonds continued to rise yesterday, many of them by two to three per cent. The turnover was a high IL13m.

The Natad dollar also rose, but by one agora, and now stands at IL5.10. The demand was for $34,500, and at this price, $102,000 was traded.

Stocks were dull. The turnover was a low IL850,800; of this, IL169,700 was in the variables. Bank Leumi gained 0.5 to 254 (29,000), and IDB remained at 167 despite a turnover of 37,000.

The general index of share prices rose by 0.01 per cent to stand at 243.60.

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DEBENTURES			
LINKED TO THE DOLLAR			
9% Dead Sea Junior	r	248.0	246.9
6% Electric Corp. A	r	132.6	132.6
6% Electric Corp. B.	r	158.0	158.0
LINKED to the C.o.L. INDEX (Principal & Interest)			
Hilta 1965, Index 110.1	b	300.0B	290.5
Bitahon 1968, Series 41	b	194.6	191.8
Bitahon 1969, Series 41	b	243.0	240.0
COMMERCIAL BANKS & BANKHOLDING COMPANIES			
Otsar Hityashvut	r	222	225.5
I.D.B. pref.	r	204	203.5
I.D.B. Bankholding	r	167	167
Union Bank	r	278.5	278.5
Israel British Bank	b	305	305
Discount Bank "A"	r	455	455
United Mizrahi Bank	b	158	158
Bank Hapoalim—10%	b	322	322
Bank Leumi—"A"	r	254	250
MORTGAGE BANKS			
Gen. Mortgage Bank	b	215.5	215
Carmel Mortg. & Inv.	b	131.5	131.5
Bank Binyan	b	220	220
Dev. & Mortg. Bank	b	220	220
Housing Mortg. Bank	b	176	176
Tefahot 8%	b	209.5	209.5
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SPECIALIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS			
Ind. & Dev. Bank 8%	r	76	76
Hasneh Insurance	b	195	194
Sabar—"C"	b	358	359.5
COMMERCIAL SERVICES & UTILITIES			
Motor House	b	70	69.5
Delek C	r	141	141
Cold Storage—IL10	r	172	172.5
Israel Electric Corp.	r	49	49
Lighterage & Supply	r	159.5	159.5
LAND, BUILDING DEVELOPMENT AND CITRUS			
Azorim	r	180	180
Africa Isr IL10	r	262	261
Isr. Land Dev.	b	159	158
Soiel Boneh—10%	b	130	130
Property & Build.	r	178.5	179.5
Isras	b	188	187
Mehadrin	r	199.5	197.5
I.C.P. Isr. Citrus	b	84	83.5
Anglo-Isr. Investor	b	142.5	142.5
Neot Aviv	r	66	65.5
Pri Or Ltd.	r	165	165
Rassco—8%	r	77.5	80
Rassco—O.	r	61.5	63.5
INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance—B	r	470	470
Ata—2.5	b	94.5	94.5
Electra—5	r	128	130
"Argaman"—8%	b	285	285
"Ata"—C	r	109	109
Dobek	b	358.5	361
Elect. Wire & Cable	b	175	175
Teva	b	882	876
Chem. & Phosphates	r	68	68
Lewin Epstein	b	88	87
Moller Textile	r	166	168
Phoenicia—8%	b	90.5	92.5
Paper Mills	r	288.5	285.5
Assis "B"	r	205	210
Nechushtan	b	247.5	245.5
Sheman—8%	b	126.5	126
"Tal" Plywood	b	206	205
Elite (A)		382	382.5
INVESTMENT & HOLDING COMPANIES			
Elgar	b	79	79
Ellern	b	164	160
Israel Central Trade	r	209	199
Bank Hapoalim	b	227	227
Paz	b	94	94
Wolfson IL10	b	90.5	87.5
Ampa	r	111	118
Discount Bank	b	189	187.5
United Mizrahi	b	100.5	101.5
Bank Leumi	r	183.5	183
Piryon Investment	r	93	90
Hassuta-For. Trade	r	84	83.5
Export Bank	b	60	60.5
Clal Investment	r	180	180.5
Clal Industries	r	179	172
FUEL & OIL			
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Lapidoth OTC	r	120	120

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Uranium found in Indonesia

JAKARTA (AP). — Prof. Baikuni, director general of Indonesia's National Atomic Energy Agency (Batan) has told Parliament that uranium deposits have been found in Kalaimantan, Lampung, West Sumatra and West Irian.

Batan earlier announced its has "positive data" on the areas following surveys.

It said France, West Germany and Japan have expressed willingness to prospect in the areas.

The agency will ask the government's approval to formulate a plan on the use of nuclear energy in Indonesia. Batan said the current energy crisis has made nuclear power plants more competetive than power plants run by oil. Indonesia plans to set up a nuclear power plant by 1980.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Monday's Rates

SPOT RATES		
Dollar	2.2770/80	per £
DM	2.7060/80	per $
Swiss Fr.	3.1885/915	per $
French Fr.	4.98½/4.99	per $
French Fin.	5.04¾/5.05¾	per $
Lire	654/655	per $
Belgian Fr.	40.63/68	per $
Dutch Fl.	2.8215/45	per $
Gold price: $150/152		

FORWARD RATES	1 Mo.	3 Mos.	6 Mos.
£/$	2.2590/610	2.2235/55	2.1805/25
DM/$	2.7085/125	2.7155/95	2.7215/65
Sw.Fr./$	3.1930/80	3.2025/85	3.2115/75

New debentures seen to be sound investment

By Moshe Ater
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

THE best proof that a reform of our state debentures was overdue has been provided by the way the market has reacted to the change. Though the terms set for future debenture issues will offer a lower yield than formerly, investors did not turn down the offer. There was a rush to acquire old debentures still available but at higher prices as it was taken for granted that the new issues will be taken up and quoted at least at par. This is because no better investment alternative will be found for the bulk of liquid capital currently accumulating in our economy.

On the face of it, this reaction may look remarkable. Hitherto the "Brera" debentures — which offered an option of either fixed 6.5 per cent interest or a linked 4 per cent interest — were carrying a yield of just over 4.8 per cent net of tax (if bond-washing was resorted to). The new debentures will yield — net of tax — either 3 per cent linked to the c.o.l. or 3.25 per cent unlinked. The latter is equivalent to, say, 1.7 per cent, assuming that the c.o.l. will go up by an average 12 per cent a year. And the method of paying interest has been changed so as almost to block bond-washing. The cut in interest yield will therefore be quite substantial.

However, investors are now interested less in yield than in the linking of the principal of their capital. Though forecasts for the price rise expected this year range between 25 and 40 per cent, even the minimum by far exceeds the above difference in the net yield.

Indeed, prices have been rising so rapidly of late that clever operators have been making good — and certain — profits by speculating on linking alone. The monthly c.o.l. index is published only a fortnight after the end of the calendar month to which it refers. Since the index serves as a linking base for the debentures issued in the following month, these were undervalued when sold, and anybody watching the price creep could exploit this time-lag.

The terms of new issues will plug this loophole by making the debentures linked to the c.o.l. index published in the month after the floating, so that investors will have to guess the price trend. However, for the time being, few investors are likely to be in doubt as to how the wind is blowing.

Neither do investors seem to be concerned over the long-term prospects. The new debentures will be repaid over periods considerably longer than previously, ranging between six and ten years. Will a yield of 3-3.25 per cent (net) still be attractive when the debentures approach maturity? This is doubtful, if one expects the Israeli economy to settle down after the current inflationary upsurge, thus making the linking hedge less important. But most investors — and probably their bankers and consultants as well — seem to consider this likelihood little more than a pipedream. They anticipate a permanent and substantial inflation, even though not necessarily at the current hectic rate.

For people with spare funds, linked securities backed by a state guarantee may provide a solution even with a lower yield. The Treasury may now save some money on its debt service. And the drain of funds from the banks' long-term saving schemes to the more liquid and higher-yielding debentures is now likely to be reversed (because those saving schemes are still based on bulk investment in the debentures at the old terms), eventually increasing the banks' lending capacity.

However, the basic issue of inflation and linking, of our economy's imbalance and the resulting adverse affects, remains unsolved. The economy's current liquidity is a combined result of the government's deficit spending (checked in January, but for how long?) and of diminishing stocks owing to the high financing costs involved in holding them. Most productive investments now depend on unlinked loans, i.e., on credits granted at an effective "negative interest rate."

There is bitter irony in the fact that the State is forced to subsidize rich investors at a time when it is cutting subsidies on essential foods. And that it must borrow money at exorbitant linked terms (which no private concern can afford to pay), in order to finance investments which add fuel to our inflationary fire.

AFL-CIO says Nixon's economics 'a disaster'

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP). — With unemployment rising and prices outpacing wages, the AFL-CIO yesterday called President Nixon's economic programme a disaster and urged Congress to seize the initiative for controlling inflation.

As the labour federation's executive council prepared to open its annual mid-winter conference, President George Meany charged that the Nixon administration has misled the American public about the economy for the past five years.

"No matter how gloomy the economic news, the President and his appointed spokesman greeted it with enthusiasm, saying one thing one day and the opposite the next," he said.

The administration has destroyed its credibility with its economic forecasts so now "when the President or one of his spokesman makes an optimistic prediction, prepare for the worst," he continued.

During its week-long meeting, the 35-man executive council is expected to come down hard against any extension of government wage-price controls, despite some sentiment from building trades union leaders for some form of continued control of the construction industry.

Administration officials have announced that wage-price controls will be dropped on April 15 except for health, food and petroleum.

In addition, the council is expected to press the AFL-CIO's demand for Nixon's impeachment and urge Congress to implement a comprehensive programme for dealing with the energy crisis that would minimize job layoffs and provide funds for "a massive programme of energy research and development."

Japan offers Egypt 30 billion yen loan

TOKYO.— Japan yesterday offered Egypt a 30 billion yen reconstruction loan (about $103.4m.), government officials said.

The offer was accepted by Egyptian Deputy Premier Abdul Hatem during a meeting with Japanese Deputy Prime Minister Takeo Miki, the officials said.

They said the loan will be extended to Egypt over a two-year period.

Terms of the loan called for the repayment in 25 years including a seven-year grace period, with the annual interest rate set at 3.5 per cent.

Hatem has been in Tokyo since Friday as a guest of the Japanese Government.

The Japan shipowners association said yesterday a reopened Suez Canal (closed since 1967) would adversely affect the world shipping industry, especially the tanker market.

The association was commenting on a suggestion made by Mr. Hatem here on Saturday that the canal might be reopened during the year.

The reopening of the canal might cut back the tonnage of tankers required in the world by up to 15 per cent, industry sources said and tanker rates would certainly decline.

The association said it was not sure what effect the cutback would have on Japan, nor whether it would be hardest hit. Japan was both the largest producer and user of these vessels and had no need of the canal for shipping Middle East oil. *(UPI, Reuter)*

ASEAN, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, will seek an assurance from the Japanese Government that its future policies on synthetic rubber production will not jeopardize the natural rubber interests of its members, Asean officials said yesterday. This will be one of the major topics for consideration at the first Asean-Japan forum of synthetic rubber which opens today in Kuala Lumpur.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Keshet Textile Combine's exports are expected to exceed $3m. this year, according to the firm's spokesman. Last year's figure was $2,570,000. Keshet manufactures cotton and cotton-blend fabrics in its plants at Ofakim and Netivot, and also operates a dyeing and finishing plant in Ramat Gan.

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Wing and a prayer, that's Aeroflot

By JOHN DORNBERG
Special to Jerusalem Post

MUNICH.— THE world's major airlines certainly have their image problems. A few years ago, for example, when it suffered a series of major crashes in quick succession, Air France acquired the nickname of "Air Chance." And then there are the jokes people tell about Lufthansa and its Teutonic-mannered crews.

But what about Aeroflot, which, with 82 million passengers yearly and worldwide routes totalling 500,000 miles, is by far the world's largest airline?

Some years back, when advertising first became fashionable in the Soviet Union, it used to appeal to passengers with posters that said simply: "Fly by airplane, fly Aeroflot." In those days most passengers agreed that flying by any other means could not be half as bad.

Matters have not improved appreciably since then, to judge from recent complaints in the Soviet government and party press and, incredible as it seems, on the floor of the Supreme Soviet, the USSR's parliament. As the complaints show, Aeroflot is not only the largest but the world's most dangerous and most inefficient airline.

During the past 17 months the line has had at least 17 major crashes. Since the Soviet press reports only those accidents witnessed by, involving or indirectly verified by foreigners, there may have been even more.

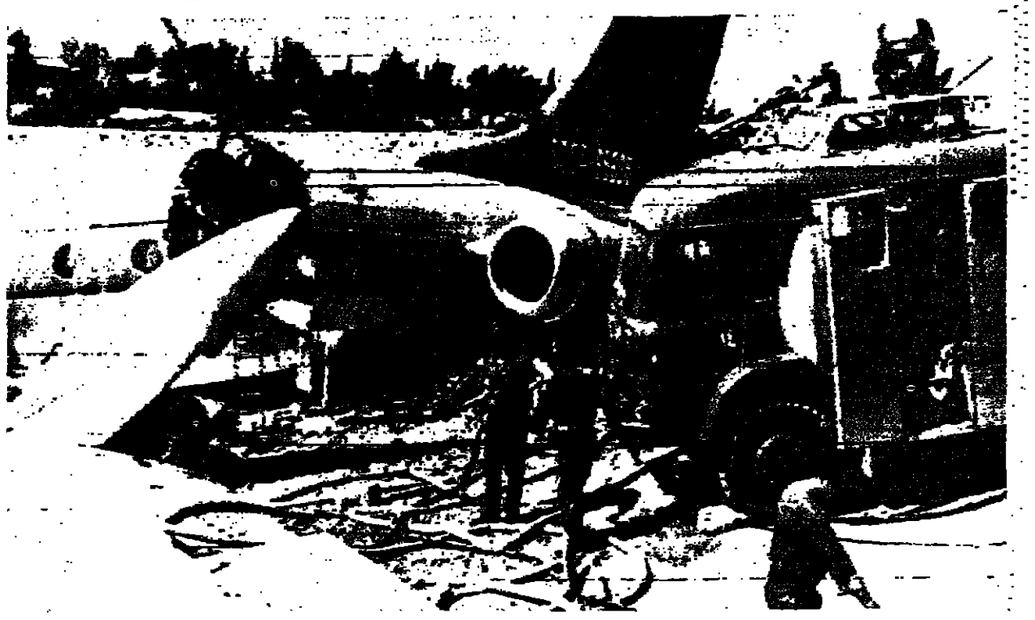
The aircraft involved included virtually every type in the Aeroflot fleet, from the supersonic Tu-144 which crashed at the Paris air show, to the old jet workhorse Tu-104, of which two went down.

In December the situation became so critical that Marshal Boris Bugayev, the Minister of Civil Aviation, convened a special ministerial group charged with making flight safety Aeroflot's "most important task."

Invariably, because of the conditions of the planes and the appearance and behaviour of the crew, there is always a distinct "wing and a prayer" aura to flying on Aeroflot. The trouble, in large measure, may be attributable to a lackadaisical Soviet attitude toward technology in general.

This mentality has made the Russians the world's greatest improvisers and they have got pretty far by improvisation. But is it applicable to aviation or, for that matter, any other form of sophisticated modern technology?

This correspondent, for example, cannot recall ever having flown on an Aeroflot liner whose tyres were not worn and, in some cases, worn right down to the webbing. Newsmen who covered the unveiling of the supersonic Tu-144 in Paris in 1971 noted that all 20 of its tyres were threadbare.



Firemen work amongst the wreckage of an Aeroflot Tu-134 which crashed on take-off in Amman last June 30. Most of the 77 persons aboard were saved. (AP)

The issue is not really the inadequate pressurization of even the most modern Soviet planes or the total lack of ventilation. Nor is it the food on domestic routes which, at best, may be black bread, a slippery leg of cold boiled chicken, lukewarm rice of a pasty consistency, a tomato or two, a wrinkled apple and a stale biscuit or, at worst, just the bread and a cucumber.

The real problem may be getting off the ground, as the Soviet press, especially the muckraking weekly "Literary Gazette," has been complaining in recent months.

According to the paper, in July and August 1973, the best months of the year, 1,291 flights were delayed due to "weather conditions" at Domodedovo, largest, newest and most modern of Moscow's three airports. Another 2,450 flights failed to take off on schedule for "technical reasons," an Aeroflot euphemism for a plane that has not arrived from another city.

In those two months 245,000 passengers were delayed leaving that airport alone. And when Aeroflot announces a delay it usually does not mean hours but days.

On August 27, 1973, according to "Literary Gazette," 10,000 passengers bound for Khabarovsk in the Soviet Far East were stranded for four days at Domodedovo "due to weather conditions" — the weather was calm and sunny.

It took a week to break up "the huge traffic jam."

The reason? The 18 turboprop Tu-114s, each with a 200 passenger capacity, were sitting on the Khabarovsk tarmac, seven hours' flying time away, without fuel. Because of "an oversight" by an Aeroflot official, it had not been delivered.

Usually Aeroflot flights are oversold and passengers are stranded because there are no, or not enough, planes. Though the fleet, as such, is big enough, Sovietologists believe that just as is the case with tractors, trucks and taxicabs, one-third of all aircraft are out of service at any given time because of repairs for which there are no spare parts.

On the other hand, Aeroflot can rightly claim to be the cheapest airline in the world. The 4,800 km. flight from Moscow to Novosibirsk costs only 49 rubles, or about IL275. At those rates do passengers still have the right to complain about service and safety? And who dares to care about the image?

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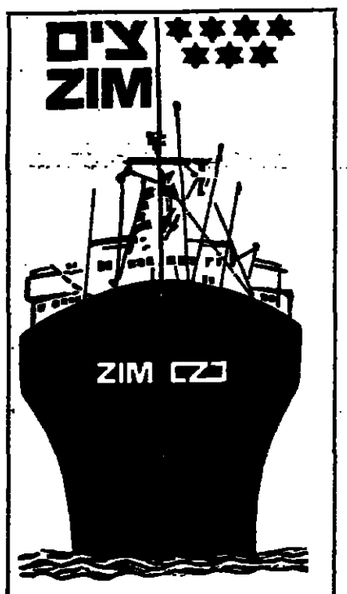

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FIGHT TO THE FINISH

ZIM and the Marine Officers Union are now so deeply committed to their opposing positions that it seems likely that this strike may become one of the first to be fought to a finish. If that occurs neither the union nor the company will be the same again.

Meanwhile the country is suffering huge losses and shippers may think twice before loading on Israeli ships.

The Officers Union split away from the Seaman's Union 13 months ago after a 25 year-long federation, mainly because the officers claimed that discipline demanded separation. But in fact the officers have not given the ratings a very edifying example of discipline. Instead the Officers Union has been engaged in a continuous series of disputes, sanctions and strikes with the shipping companies in general and with Zim in particular. Their aim, though dressed in terms of principles, has been higher salaries and they have succeeded handsomely as may be gathered from the officers' wage scales published on another page in this paper, by Zim as an advertisement.

Unfortunately, the Histadrut and the Transport Ministry have been little more than sympathetic bystanders in these disputes, even at a time when vigorous action might have saved the merchant fleet the general strike that is now in the offing. But now at last even these reluctant authorities may find it impossible to stand aside and permit irreparable damage to the company.

The latest dispute which prompted the selective strike that started over a fortnight ago is over more pay for the officers on Zim's two roll-on roll-off freighters. Had strong action been taken at the beginning, the present situation would probably have been avoided. As it is, Haifa Port was "blockaded" by the Union on Sunday, and more and more ships, including those of three other companies, are laid up in Haifa, aggravating the port's congestion problem.

At competing press conferences the Union leaders and Zim directors have given the impression that their fight has turned into something of a personal vendetta. But Zim has decided to draw the line this time, and the company is now determined for a showdown with the union rather than to continue to submit to its demands.

Zim, 50 per cent of whose shares are now owned by foreign investors through the Israel Corporation, has made it clear that it cannot carry on if it must lose money, and claims that it has in fact been doing so on its Israel flag ships, covering its losses through the use of chartered foreign ships.

As the strike sails towards its climax, it remains to be seen whether the union will throw in the towel before Zim carries out its intention of giving up its ships rather than submit to the strikers. In either case, this may yet be one strike not "won" by both sides through a compromise that settles nothing and only serves to encourage further demands and further disruptions.

"ARE YOU COMING TO PLAY ? . . ."

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POSTSCRIPTS

ECONOMICS and feminine vanity have at last clashed in Israel and it will be interesting to see which emerges the victor. Most women took the news that cosmetics and brassieres are to rise in price with a philosophical shrug of the shoulders. After all, how many lipsticks does a woman really need and Women's Lib has been telling her to burn her bra for some time now. It is the increase in bus fares which is likely to prove the last straw and force vanity to give way to the pressure of economics.

The powers-that-be have been kind enough to allow the "elderly" to purchase bus tickets at a reduced rate if they can prove that, in the case of women, they are over 60. Most women over the age of 29 keep their age a secret between themselves, their mothers, their God and the Ministry of Interior. How many of them who are over 60 will be able to refrain from revealing this vital statistic to the Egged ticket salesmen? After all, with the money they will save on reduced fares they will be able to buy themselves an extra lipstick or, better still, a jar of anti-wrinkle cream.

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GOVERNMENT policies sometimes remind us of those Russian wooden dolls — you lift off the head and find a smaller doll inside and so on ad almost infinitum.

Not so long ago, the car-less day was introduced as a petrol-saving device. Now that petrol is so expensive that no motorist in his senses will use more than he needs, the authorities have come up with another reason for continuing the car-less day. The Transport Minister was asked the other day when this restriction on travel would be lifted. Not in the immediate future, he said. The car-less day had been instituted to avoid over-crowding on the roads just as much as to conserve petrol.

Just lift the lid off one excuse, and there'll be another ready to hand.

F.D.

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"IN response to remarks by Dr. Josef Burg..." That is the way the Keren Hayesod press release began.

What happened in response to Dr. Burg's remarks? Why, the group of overseas Jews he was addressing increased their donations by 25 per cent over 1973. And Dr. Burg gave them merely a ten-minute talk. There was a storm in the Knesset awaiting his attention, the release said.

Presumably there is a large Keren Hayesod budget for press communiques designed to flatter ministers even at the cost of being inane.

E.F.

ISRAEL PRESS

Negotiations with NRP

Ha'aretz (Non-party) on coalition negotiations says, "Under present circumstances there is no plausible reason for compromise with the National Religious Party, and the only option is therefore to form a narrow-based government. New elections will probably have little effect on the present party representation in the Knesset, nor does a grand national coalition at this time present a practical alternative. Shaky as it may be, the Alignment should thus form a minority government, nor should this by any means prevent the conduct of a courageous policy, both foreign and domestic. If such a policy succeeds, the new government will gain all the authority it needs."

Hamodia (Agudat Yisrael): "It appears that on Judea and Samaria, the Alignment is prepared to make concessions to the NRP, thereby removing the principal cause of its opposition to a national emergency government. What is really preventing formation of such a government is the Alignment's refusal to let the Likud have a large number of ministerial portfolios."

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) says its party will have no part of any grand national coalition, for as a result of internal conflicts such a setup will entail stagnation or outright paralysis. As with Judea and Samaria, a compromise may also be found on the question of "Who's a Jew." Otherwise, a government — and a viable one — can be formed without the NRP.

HONESTY THAT OUTRAGED

"Blow the dust off the clock. Your watches are behind the times. Throw open the heavy curtains which are so dear to you — you do not even suspect that the day has already dawned outside. It is no longer that stifled, that sombre, irrevocable time when you expelled Akhmatova in the same servile manner. It is not even that timid frost period when you expelled Pasternak, whining abuse at him. Was this shame not enough for you? Do you want to make it greater? But the time is near when each one of you will seek to erase his signature from today's resolution."

(A.I. Solzhenitsyn on his expulsion from the Soviet Writers' Union, November 1969)

By COLIN SHINDLER
Special to The Jerusalem Post

LONDON. — MANY individual Soviet Jews have expressed disgust and shame at the ignominous expulsion of Alexander Solzhenitsyn from the USSR. Solzhenitsyn's extraordinary courage and uncompromising determination in the mid-'sixties certainly helped to create a social atmosphere which enabled a Jewish movement to exist in the U.S.S.R. following the Six Day War.

Although very much a Russian nationalist, Solzhenitsyn had numerous Jewish friends, one of whom is Lev Kopelev, the writer whose acquaintance he first made in the labour camps during Stalin's last years. In "The First Circle," the main characters, Gleb Nezhin, the critical cynical Russian, and Lev Rubin, the orthodox Jewish Communist in the prison at Mavrino, are in fact based on the experiences of Solzhenitsyn and Kopelev in their camp in the late 'forties.

Solzhenitsyn's zeal for the truth sometimes irritated his friends as well as infuriating his enemies. In a Jewish context, his characterisation of unpleasant Jewish characters in addition to those positive Jewish heroes in his books "Cancer Ward" and "The First Circle," led to an unjustified accusation of anti-Semitism, instead of an admission that there is good and bad in all people.

One such accusation was voiced by Mikhail Grobman, an immigrant from Russia, in an article in *The Jerusalem Post* in November 1972. The article aroused a great deal of criticism, among others, from four Soviet Jewish activists: Professor David Azbel, cyberneticist Mikhail Agursky, Sinologist Vitaly Rubin and Natan Feingold, an artist who is now in Israel. They expressed their "sharpest protest against the slanderous and definitely untrue accusation of anti-Semitism against Solzhenitsyn, which compels us to dissociate ourselves utterly from such opinions."

In the U.S.S.R., Solzhenitsyn certainly supported the right to existence of the State of Israel and condemned the massacre of Israel's athletes at Munich.

At the time of the Six Day War, when many people in Eastern Europe sympathised with Israel, and the establishment position was violently against the Jewish State, Solzhenitsyn was the target of another discriminatory campaign.

During an ideological lecture at a Moscow publishing house, the speaker continually criticised Solzhenitsyn, referring to him as "Solzhenitser." When a member of the audience passed a note to him informing him that the name was in fact "Solzhenitsyn," the speaker came over and said, "No, it's not a mistake. The person known to you as Solzhenitsyn is really Solzhenitser and he is a Jew."

This inaccurate statement was repeated more than once in the U.S.S.R. at that time. Even his patronymic Isaievich, which sounds Jewish, was used to "turn him into a Jew."

The fate of Alexander Solzhenitsyn is a sad one for him personally. Yet it is ironic that while he wanted to remain and was forced to leave, Soviet Jews, the Slepaks, the Polskys, the Leviches, and many others — are forced to remain while all they want is the possibility to leave.

It is more than gratifying that Solzhenitsyn did not have to suffer the rigours and indignity of the Soviet system of strict regime labour camps. However, he was saved fro[illegible] trial and imprisonment only by h[illegible] international prestige.

For lesser beings, there is no suc[illegible] protection. Alexander Feldman, [illegible] 27 year old Jewish labourer fro[illegible] Kiev, was given three and a ha[illegible] years for allegedly assaulting a gi[illegible] carrying a cake — a crime th[illegible] only existed in the imagination [illegible] the KGB. Last week, after con[illegible]plaining that the camp authoriti[illegible] at Shepetovka were deliberately gi[illegible]ing him impossibly hard work, [illegible] was placed in a solitary confin[illegible]ment cell.

Three weeks ago, in Derbent, t[illegible] five-year sentence passed on Pet[illegible] Pinkhasov for alleged embezz[illegible]ment, was confirmed by a court [illegible] Makhachkala. He was then mov[illegible] to an unknown destination. A po[illegible] carpenter, Pinkhasov's only crim[illegible] was that he was one of the first [illegible] that part of the U.S.S.R. to app[illegible] for permission to go to Israel.

Solzhenitsyn's courage and [illegible]fiant passion will be remembered [illegible] progressive men everywhe[illegible] When the ashes of the present gen[illegible]ration have long grown cold, t[illegible]day's Soviet politicians will sure[illegible] only be remembered for one sing[illegible] thing — that they were luck[illegible] enough to have lived during th[illegible] epoch of the great Nobel prize-wi[illegible]ner, Alexander Isaievich Solzhen[illegible]tsyn.

A child's garden of games of chance

With Prejudice

by Alex Berlyne

TO everything there is a season, according to Ecclesiastes and the fashion trade. The country's small-fry are slap in the middle of the Pop Packets season, which recurs every Winter Solstice and lasts about two months. They all flock to the neighbourhood kiosks as soon as they have accumulated IL2 and buy an empty album which they have to fill up with little coloured pictures of Pop, TV and Movie stars. These are sold in sealed packets at three for 20 agorot and, since the kids don't know what they're buying, they're usually landed with many doubles which they have to swap in order to complete the collection. Long ago when the world was young, it was realised by some young entrepreneurs, who have no doubt since attracted the attention of the Bunco Squad, that cards could be accumulated on a whole-sale basis by gambling and so the games developed. At the time of writing, in empty lots, air-raid shelters and stair-wells thousands of children are busily engaged in games of chance which would put Las Vegas to shame.

Any number can play. Each gives an equal number of cards then, after the solemn ritual of One Out of Three (the production of an odd or equal number of fingers) the first player is selected. He spins the cards in the air and keeps those which fall face down. Another variation is to divide the pack into two. One child covers the numbers which accompany the celebrities and the other child picks a hand. If he choses the largset number he wins those cards.

At other times there are other games which engage their attention. Five Stones, identical with the knuckle-bones which was played in ancient Rome, is played with small metal cubes before Pessach. There are countless permutations of the game and the nomenclature used would defeat even the savants of the Israel Academy. What is one to make of "kugelach" where the cubes are held between the fingers, near the web, or "Patch," where a cube is balanced on the back of the hand?

Apricot pits

After Pessach it is mysteriously ordained that Ajuim (apricot stones) provide the raw material for endless games while Gulot (marbles) are reserved for the post-Hannuka period. The most popular marble game is called "Daram." Each child slams his marble down at ever decreasing distances from his opponent, shouting "Daram" (onomatopoeic?) until he figures he is within shooting range, then flicks his marble, between finger and thumb, at his adversary's.

Dr. Rivka Elferman of the Hebrew University's Department of Psychology has been studying these goings-on for some years and had compiled an encyclopaedia of some 2,000 games and their variants as well as collecting another 3,000 descriptions of "unstructured" games, thus building up a body of Israeli lore in the same category as Lady Gomme's "Traditional Games of England, Scotland and Ireland," Norman Douglas' "London Street Games" or those marvellous books compiled more recently by the Opies.

All this childhood nonsense is communicated in some mysterious manner over vast distances and with miraculous speed. Less than a fortnight after the abdication of Edward VIII on December 10, 1936, thousands of English schoolchildren, over the length and breadth of the country, were singing an old carol to new words: "Hark the Herald Angels sing, Mrs. Simpson's pinched our King."

The Opies have shown in their "Lore and Language of Schoolchildren" that the jokes which are common currency among English schoolboys today are the same as those which Dean Swift collected from his friends, their tricks date back to Beau Brummel, they ask riddles which were familiar to Henry VIII as a boy and rebuke an Indian-giver with a couplet known in Shakespeare's time.

Savage fraternity

Long before the publication of that cult-novel "The Lord of the Flies" or the far better book on the same subject by Richard Hughes, "A High Wind in Jamaica," Douglas Newton had written "the world-wide fraternity of children is the greatest of savage tribes and the only one which shows no sign of dying out." Queen Anne's physician wrote over two centuries ago that nowhere is tradition more scrupulously observed than "among schoolboys, whose games and plays are delivered down invariably from one generation to the next."

This thriving alternative culture is worth studying and it is not unreasonable to suppose that we can profit by it. I'm not referring here to the IL250,000 which Dr. Elferman collected from various sources to fund her study but to ideas provided by the children themselves.

Take, for instance, the popular Israeli games played with chewing-gum wrappers around the Hannuka holiday. The idea is to collect a stake of some hundreds of the little coloured paper envelopes that the gum is wrapped in and use these as the currency of a game of chance. Basically this consists of slapping the cupped palm of the hand next to the wrappers which have been put on the ground, in order to turn them over. These are then collected as winnings. Varieties include a flat palm and a quick pass of the hand to create a wind. Sometimes handicaps are introduced by folding the wrapper. If this is positioned like a gabled roof it's known as a "bad fold" since it's much more difficult to overturn.

If Mr. Sapir and his merry men were to study the game closely they'd soon realize that the kids have created an alternative form of currency which seems impervious to the behaviour of the international money market or the machinations of Lilienblum Street. The basic unit is the yellow "Alma" wrapper produced by Elite. Interestingly enough, if the lettering is in English and not Hebrew it is only worth half as much — a fact guaranteed to rejoice the spirit of Eliezer Ben-Yehuda. The "Money" series, made by Tamar, is universally accepted as worth five units, Barth's "Cherry" wrapper as six, Tamar's "Jordanian money" (the coveted "Hussein") as 20. There are dozens of intermediate values for wrappers manufactured locally, in the U.S.A., Germany or Japan but the big denominations are Elite's "Mambo," equal to 300, or the extremely rare 500-unit "Pam-Pam" manufactured by the firm of that name.

Since the Consumer Price Index jumped another 6.4 points last month I would recommend that the Finance Ministry give serious consideration to this parallel currency as a means of avoiding galloping inflation.

When I was a boy, one of the means of payment was the jam-jar. Entrance to a double-feature movie was standardized at three jam-jars and, occasionally, there was mu[illegible] heart-searching over the decision [illegible] expel a colony of tadpoles or cate[illegible] pillars from their jam-jar home [illegible] order to make up the entranc[illegible] money. It was easy enough to em[illegible]ty out young citrus-groves (orang[illegible] pips buried in a jam-jar full [illegible] soil) or to chuck out dried-up pain[illegible] brushes but the livestock was [illegible] real problem.

In Israel, in later years and b[illegible]fore the advent of the obscene pla[illegible]tic bags, milk-bottles were valu[illegible] for their convertibility into ha[illegible] cash and many a bus-trip was d[illegible]layed until the bottles had be[illegible] cashed-in at the corner grocery.

Keith Waterhouse, the author [illegible] "Billy Liar," recently wrote a c[illegible]umn to propose a solution to Br[illegible]tain's economic plight. Pointing o[illegible] that a meat-pie which cost 10p [illegible] June 1970 now commanded 13½p. [illegible] suggested that Mr. Heath may ha[illegible] made the pound worth less but th[illegible] *he had made food worth mo*[illegible] While the pound sterling, the doll[illegible] and even the yen have lost grou[illegible] food has increased in value.

Obviously the thing to do is [illegible] buy food, even on instalments, a[illegible] stockpile it while waiting for t[illegible] price to increase. Unit trusts co[illegible] be formed to buy a kilo of liver [illegible] a packet of rice and the better-[illegible] could indulge in speculating [illegible] packets of sausages or boxes [illegible] dried prunes.

In the *meantime*, *convert* wh[illegible] ever spare cash you have i[illegible] chewing-gum wrappers and av[illegible] the perils of devaluation.

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Arson in Jerusalem

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The members of my congregation have urged me to express in their name, and mine, the great sense of gratitude we feel for the sympathy and support of the Jewish community of Jerusalem and the Israel Government on the occasion of this latest, very serious and very misguided attack on the building we use for services and information.

I am glad to report that, by 8.30 of the same morning, Mr. Teddy Kollek had called saying that he would send workers of the Municipality to assess the damage and help in the repair, and early the same morning Dr. Paul Colbi of the Ministry of Religious Affairs visited our premises personally and expressed his consternation and anger at what had been done. Both the Municipality and the Ministry of Religions are carrying out or supporting financially the restoration of our premises as of this writing, and Dr. Zerah Warhaftig and other Government officials have strongly condemned the present attack and others which were carried out against Christian institutions on the same morning.

As members of the congregation and their friends worked throughout the past week attempting to save what was savable, our Jewish neighbours dropped by in an almost continuous line to express their shock and sympathy.

One shocked neighbour handed me a check to help cover the cost of repair and another suggested that we put up a box for contributions which she and others would use to help us. The wave of friendship which we experienced was so genuine that we were not surprised when a Christian outsider prefaced her remarks with the words, "I don't know whether to commiserate with you or congratulate you!"

As I write, the morning news is that an attempt has been made by unknown persons to set fire to a shop selling Jewish Scriptures in the Old City of Jerusalem. I am sure my congregation would want me to condemn this quite insane attack which may easily be considered a "Christian" reprisal. I can only assure you that, as believers who try to take with extreme seriousness the highest ethical demands of the Bible, we find the message of Psalm 37 the best expression of our attitude at this time: "Fret not thyself because of evildoers...cease from anger and desist from wrath...do not compete with evil."

In your editorial of February 11, you seem to suggest that the Christian churches in Israel are partly or mainly to be blamed for the creation of fanatical groups of young people prepared to set fire to Christian churches and institutions. We do not believe this charge is true or justified and, in any case, hope very much you did not have in mind our congregation or other Baptist groups in Israel. We are also of the opinion that, in issuing such a charge, your editorial column is not helping to calm troubled waters, but we are prepared to take up the challenge and to promise you that, as we have so done in the past, we shall continue to do everything in our power to prevent misguided persons of all kinds, Christian and otherwise, from doing anything that would provoke religious intolerance and violence.

R. L. LINDSEY, Pastor,
Jerusalem Baptist Congregation

Jerusalem, February 17.

MEDICAL INVENTIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Philip Gillon's article on "new medical inventions help wounded soldiers" (February 6) states that Hadassah's Clinical Biochemistry Department "analysed by means of a special instrument called a Technion SMA-12 autoanalyser, the only one of its kind in operation in Israel, which performs 12 different biochemical determinations simultaneously at the rate of 60 an hour."

For your information, Shaare Zedek does its laboratory analysis routinely for all its patients on an identical machine.

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Jerusalem, February 6.

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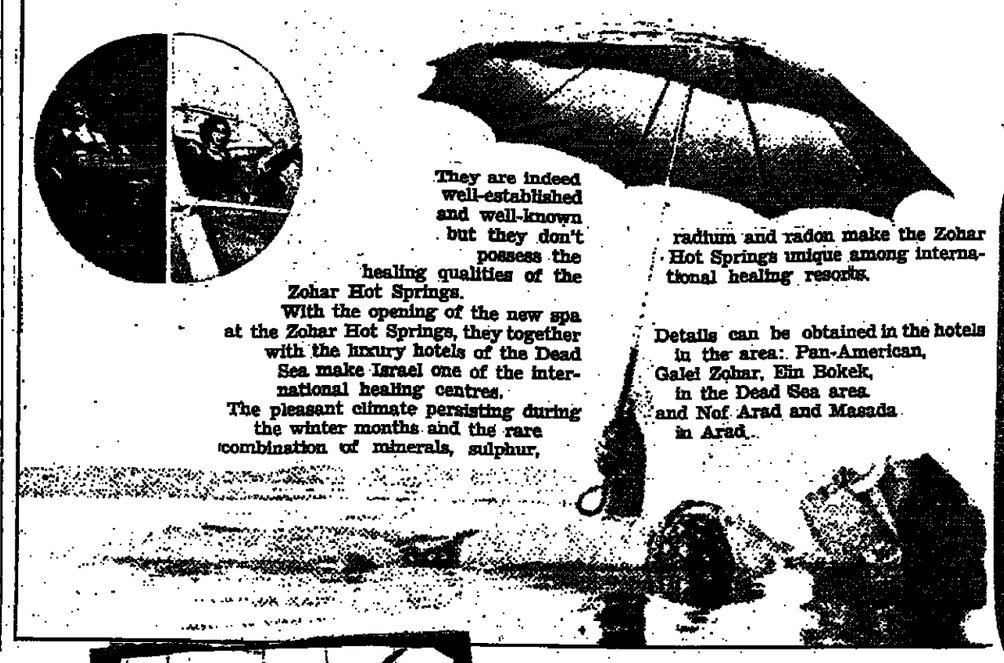

They are indeed well-established and well-known but they don't possess the healing qualities of the Zohar Hot Springs.
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